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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 334** – Sprint Nextel Corporation. application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 186 Black Rock Turnpike, Redding, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Sprint Nextel Corporation for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Redding, Connecticut.

Sprint's proposed facility would be located at 186 Black Road Turnpike, Redding. On this 0.62 acre parcel owned by the Redding Ridge Fire District, Sprint would erect a 120-foot monopole (to replace an existing 75-foot lattice tower) within a 35-foot x 65-foot compound. Access to the site emanates from Black Rock Turnpike and goes through the existing paved parking lot in front of, and to the eastern side of, the firehouse.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed prime and alternate site, costs, a description of the environmental effects of the proposed construction, and health and safety information. The application meets statutory technical requirements for processing the application. Council staff believes additional information can be obtained through pre-hearing interrogatories. This project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

The applicant has stated that all service and filing requirements pursuant to General Statutes § 16-501 (b) have been fulfilled. The applicant stated that notice to the general public was published in the Danbury News Times and the Redding Pilot.

IV. Procedural

The Council must schedule a hearing for the proceeding between 30 and 150 days after receipt of an application. The Council must also appoint a custodian of the docket and designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. Staff recommends designating Lisa Fontaine as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Redding on August 1, 2007, and depositing the transcript in the Redding Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	04/03/2007
Completeness review	06/07/2007
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	06/15/2007
• Set-One responses due	06/29/2007
• Set-Two Filed	07/06/2007
• Set-Two responses due	07/20/2007
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	06/29/2007
Pre-filed testimony due	07/25/2007
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	07/25/2007
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	08/01/2007
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.)	08/01/2007
Close of Record	08/31/2007
Draft Findings of Fact	09/10/2007
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	09/25/2007
Deadline for Decision	09/30/2007
180-day extension date	03/28/2008

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