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July 12, 2024

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 523** – The Towers, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment located at 425 Old Tavern Road, Orange, Connecticut. **Completeness Review.**

I. Introduction

The application is from The Towers, LLC for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment to be located at 425 Old Tavern Road in the Town of Orange, Connecticut. The City of Milford is within 2,500 feet of the proposed facility.

II. Technical

The application conforms to the Council's *Application Guide for Community Antenna Television and Telecommunication Facilities*, includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed 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. This project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

All service and filing requirements pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) § 16-50/ (b) have been fulfilled. Notice to the general public was published in the New Haven Register.

IV. Procedural

Pursuant to CGS §16-50m, the Council must schedule a public hearing not less than 30 days and no more than 150 days after receipt of an application. At least one public hearing session shall be held after 6:30 PM for the convenience of the general public. The Council must also designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. Staff recommends holding a public hearing via Zoom remote conferencing on September 19, 2024, and depositing the transcript in the Orange Town Hall.

Siting Analyst: Michael Perrone

Enclosure: Schedule

REVISED SCHEDULE

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Application received	06/25/2024
Completeness review	07/18/2024
Council Interrogatories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set-One Issued • Set-One Responses due 	TBD TBD
Pre-hearing conference via Zoom remote conferencing – 11:00 a.m.	08/14/2024
Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and Intervenor	09/05/2024
Deadline for pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories	09/12/2024
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	09/12/2024
Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public comment session via Zoom remote conferencing <i>(refer to Hearing Information section on Docket 523 project webpage for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)</i>	09/19/2024
Continued Evidentiary Session(s) <i>(if necessary)</i>	TBD
Close of Evidentiary Record	09/19/2024
Close of Public Comment Period	10/19/2024
Draft Findings of Fact	10/24/2024
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	11/07/2024
Deadline for Decision	11/22/2024

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