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August 15, 2025

TO: Council Members

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director HPB

RE: DOCKET NO. 543 - 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 17 Warren Road, Washington (New Preston), Connecticut. **Completeness**

Review.

I. <u>Introduction</u>

The application is from The Towers, LLC for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Washington, Connecticut. The Towns of Litchfield and Warren are within 2,500 feet of the proposed facility site.

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*l* (b) have been fulfilled. Notice to the general public was published in <u>Republican American</u>.

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, December 4, 2025 and depositing the transcript in the Washington Town Hall.

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier

Enclosure: Revised Schedule

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REVISED SCHEDULE

DOCKET NO. 543 – 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 17 Warren Road, Washington (New Preston), Connecticut.

Application received	07/30/2025
Completeness review	08/21/2025
Council Interrogatories	
Set-One Issued	TBD
Set-One Responses due	TBD
Pre-hearing conference via Zoom remote conferencing – 11:00 a.m.	10/29/2025
Deadline for Exchange of Interrogatories between Parties and	11/12/2025
Intervenors	
Deadline for pre-filed testimony and responses to interrogatories	11/26/2025
Deadline for State Agency Comments	11/26/2025
Deadline for Municipal Comments	11/26/2025
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	11/26/2025
Public Hearing 2:00 p.m. evidentiary session and 6:30 p.m. public	12/04/2025
comment session via Zoom remote conferencing	
(refer to Hearing Information section on Docket 543 project webpage	
for Zoom remote conferencing log in/call in)	
Continued Evidentiary Session(s) (if necessary)	TBD
Close of Evidentiary Record	TBD
Deadline for Party and Intervenor Post Hearing Briefs and Proposed	TBD
Findings of Fact	
Close of Public Comment Period	TBD
Draft Findings of Fact	TBD
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	TBD
Deadline for Final Decision	12/27/2025

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