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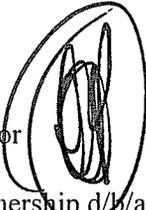
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DATE: August 31, 2006

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 318** – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at 1191 Terryville Avenue in Bristol, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the City of Bristol, Connecticut.

Cellco proposes to build a 120-foot telecommunications tower disguised as a flagpole within a 55-foot by 49-foot equipment compound on the grounds of the Pequabuck Golf Club.

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 Bristol Press.

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 City of Bristol on Thursday, October 19, 2006, and depositing the transcript in the City Clerk's Office at the Bristol City Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	07/27/06
Completeness review	08/31/06
Subcommittee meeting	08/31/06
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	09/01/06
• Set-One responses due	09/21/06
• Set-Two Filed	09/22/06
• Set-Two responses due	10/12/06
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	09/20/06
Pre-filed testimony due	10/10/06
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	10/12/06
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	10/19/06
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	10/19/06
Close of Record	11/20/06
Draft Findings of Fact	11/22/06
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	12/20/06
Deadline for Decision	01/23/07
180-day extension date	07/22/07

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