



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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DATE: September 28, 2006

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 320** - Message Center Management, Inc. and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located off Greenwoods Road East (U.S. Route 44), Norfolk, Connecticut.

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### I. Introduction

The application is from Message Center Management, Inc. and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC or the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 180-foot monopole telecommunications facility in the Town of Norfolk, Connecticut. The site would provide wireless service to Route 44 and Route 182 in the eastern portion of Norfolk.

The proposed site is located on a Town-owned 149-acre parcel known as the "Town Farm", a portion of which is used by the Town Department of Public Works as a transfer station and storage yard.

The site is north of Route 44 south of Route 182. The Town of Colebrook is within 2,500 feet of the site.

### 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 Register Citizen and the Hartford Courant.

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 Norfolk on December 13, 2006 and depositing the transcript at the Town Clerk's Office in the Norfolk and Colebrook Town Halls.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	09/07/06
Completeness review	10/09/06
Pre-hearing Questions	(Tentative Schedule)
• Set-One Filed	October 13, 2006
• Set-One responses due	November 3, 2006
• Set-Two Filed	November 17, 2006
• Set-Two responses due	December 1, 2006
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	November 21, 2006
Pre-filed testimony due	December 7, 2006
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	December 7, 2006
Field review (3:00 p.m.)	December 13, 2006
Hearing (4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	December 13, 2006
Close of Record	January 12, 2007
Draft Findings of Fact	January 23, 2007
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	February 8, 2007
Deadline for Decision	March 6, 2007
180-day extension date	September 4, 2007

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