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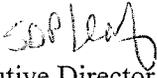
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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 323** - MCF Communications bg, Inc. and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 12 Carpenter Road, Bolton, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from MCF Communications bg, Inc. (MCF) and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. a subsidiary of T-Mobile USA, Inc. (T-Mobile) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Bolton, Connecticut.

The proposed site is located on a 43 acre parcel at 12 Carpenter Road in Bolton. MCF would construct a 130-foot monopole in the northeastern portion of the property. T-Mobile would locate antennas at the top of the tower with a centerline of 127 feet above ground level. Equipment will be located within a 70 foot by 70 foot equipment compound, which would be enclosed by an eight foot tall chain link fence.

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 § 16-50j (b) have been fulfilled. The applicant stated that notice to the general public was published in the Hartford Courant and the Journal Inquirer.

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 Adriana Popa as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Bolton on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, and depositing the transcript in the Bolton Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	10/05/06
Completeness review	10/31/06
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	11/16/06 (tentative)
• Set-One responses due	12/01/06 (tentative)
Pre-hearing conference (11:30 a.m.)	12/21/06
Pre-filed testimony due	01/17/07
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	01/17/07
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	01/24/07
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	01/24/07
Close of Record	02/23/07
Draft Findings of Fact	03/01/07 (tentative)
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	03/15/07 (tentative)
Deadline for Decision	04/03/07
180-day extension date	10/05/07