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DATE: December 12, 2006

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 324** - Sprint Nextel Corporation application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 150 Willow Street, Hamden, Connecticut.

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### I. Introduction

The application is from Sprint Nextel Corporation for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Hamden, Connecticut.

Sprint's proposed facility would be located at 150 Willow Street, Hamden. On this 87 acre parcel, Sprint would erect a 160' monopole within a 50' x 50' compound located inside a 100' x 100' lease area. Access to the site emanates from Willow Street and follows an existing paved and gravel road that leads to a pavilion / firing range. Shortly before reaching the pavilion, Sprint's access road veers west for approximately 150 feet to the compound.

### 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 New Haven Register on October 17 and 19, 2006.

### 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 Hamden on Thursday, March 8, 2007, and depositing the transcript in the Hamden Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	10/27/2006
Completeness review	12/12/2006
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	12/19/06
• Set-One responses due	01/09/07
• Set-Two Filed	01/16/07
• Set-Two responses due	02/06/07
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	02/07/07
Pre-filed testimony due	03/01/07
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	03/01/07
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	03/08/07
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	03/08/07
Close of Record	04/09/07
Draft Findings of Fact	04/13/07
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	04/27/07
Deadline for Decision	04/27/07
180-day extension date	10/22/07

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