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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 332** – 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 located at 6 Mountain Road or 167 New Milford Turnpike, Washington, 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 at one of two locations in the Town of Washington, Connecticut. The proposed facility would provide wireless service to Route 202 and Route 45 in Washington.

The Alternative 1 facility consists of a 150-foot tower disguised as a pine tree located on a 32 acre parcel at 6 Mountain Road in Washington. The facility would be located within a 80-foot by 120-foot lease area.

The proposed Alternative 2 facility consists of a 150-foot tower disguised as a pine tree located on a 1.2 acre parcel at 167 New Milford Road in Washington. The facility would be located within a 60-foot by 95-foot lease area.

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 Waterbury Republican-American.

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 Washington on June 21, 2007, and depositing the transcript in the Washington Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	03/29/2007
Completeness review	05/01/2007
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	05/11/07 (tentative)
• Set-One responses due	05/25/07 (tentative)
Pre-hearing conference (11:00 a.m.)	06/05/07
Pre-filed testimony due	06/14/07
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	06/14/07
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	06/21/07
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	06/21/07
Close of Record	07/21/07
Draft Findings of Fact	08/09/07 (tentative)
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	09/06/07 (tentative)
Deadline for Decision	10/05/07
180-day extension date	04/01/08

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