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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 333** – National Grid Wireless, Inc. application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 17 Cottage Road, Madison, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

National Grid Wireless, Inc. (NGW) has applied to the Connecticut Siting Council for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Madison, Connecticut.

The proposed site is located on a 1.8 acre property at 17 Cottage Road. NGW would construct a 130 foot monopole designed to support an extension to 150 feet in the future. T-Mobile would locate antennas at the 117 foot centerline of the monopole. Equipment would be located within a 60 foot by 60 foot fenced 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 Source and The Shoreline Times.

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 Madison on Wednesday, June 20, 2007, and depositing the transcript in the Madison Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	04/02/2007
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.)	06/11/07
Pre-filed testimony due	06/13/07
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	06/13/07
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	06/20/07
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	06/20/07
Close of Record	07/20/07
Draft Findings of Fact	08/09/07 (tentative)
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	09/06/07 (tentative)
Deadline for Decision	10/01/07
180-day extension date	03/28/08

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