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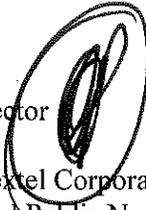
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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 338** – 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 160 West Street, Cromwell, Connecticut.

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 Cromwell, Connecticut. The proposed site would provide wireless service to Routes 9, 99, and 372 in the Cromwell/Middletown area.

Sprint Nextel proposes to construct an 80-foot monopole designed as a flagpole at 160 West Street in Cromwell. The 3.5-acre property is zoned Business District and is developed with several office buildings. The tower site is located in a cleared and partially paved area to the rear of a single story office building. The surrounding area is mixed use consisting of commercial and residential properties.

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 City of Middletown was served notice since the Middletown-Cromwell town line is within 2,500 feet of the site. The applicant stated that notice to the general public was published in The Hartford Courant and The Middletown Press.

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 Cromwell on September 20, 2007 and depositing the transcript in the Cromwell and Middletown Town Halls.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	05/23/07
Completeness review	07/03/07
Pre-hearing Questions	(tentative dates)
• Set-One Filed	07/09/07
• Set-One responses due	08/06/07
• Set-Two Filed	08/14/07
• Set-Two responses due	08/28/07
Pre-hearing conference (10 a.m.)	08/28/07
Pre-filed testimony due	09/13/07
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	09/13/07
Field review (3:00 p.m.)	09/20/07
Hearing (4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	09/20/07
Close of Record	10/22/07
Draft Findings of Fact	10/25/07
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	11/15/07
Deadline for Decision	11/19/07
180-day extension date	05/19/08

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