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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 341** - 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 Ashford Center Road (Route 44), Ashford, 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 in the Town of Ashford, Connecticut.

Cellco proposed to erect a 120-foot steel monopole within a 70-foot by 70-foot compound that would be located on a 1.96 acre parcel being used by the Midway Restaurant.

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 Chronicle.

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 Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Ashford on Thursday, September 6, 2007, and depositing the transcript in the Town Clerk's Office of the Ashford Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	06/14/07
Completeness review	07/03/07
Subcommittee meeting	07/03/07
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	07/06/07
• Set-One responses due	07/26/07
• Set-Two Filed	07/30/07
• Set-Two responses due	08/16/07
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	08/08/07
Pre-filed testimony due	08/31/07
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	08/28/07
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	09/06/07
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	09/27/07
Close of Record	10/08/07
Draft Findings of Fact	10/11/07
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	10/24/07
Deadline for Decision	12/11/07
180-day extension date	06/01/08

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