

DATE: October 16, 2007

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 347** - 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 700 Kent Road, New Milford, Connecticut.

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#### 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 New Milford, Connecticut.

Cellco proposes to erect a 120-foot steel monopole telecommunications tower on a 4.73-acre parcel owned by the Gaylordsville Volunteer Fire Department and located near the east bank of the Housatonic River near where Route 55 intersects with Route 7 just before Route 7 crosses the river in Gaylordsville. The tower would be built within a 50-foot by 50-foot enclosed compound.

#### II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed 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 Danbury News 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 Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of New Milford

on Tuesday, December 18, 2007, and depositing the transcript in the New Milford Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	09/14/07
Completeness review	10/18/07
Subcommittee meeting	10/18/07
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	10/22/07
• Set-One responses due	11/14/07
• Set-Two Filed	11/16/07
• Set-Two responses due	12/05/07
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	11/27/07
Pre-filed testimony due	12/11/07
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	12/11/07
Field review (3:00 p.m.)	12/18/07
Hearing (4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	12/18/07
Close of Record	01/17/08
Draft Findings of Fact	01/23/08
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	02/06/08
Deadline for Decision	03/12/08
180-day extension date	09/08/08

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