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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 379** – SBA Tower II, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at 12 Burr Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from SBA Tower II, LLC (SBA) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Bloomfield, Connecticut. The proposed facility would consist of a 50-foot by 90-foot enclosed equipment compound that would include a 130-foot tall monopole tower. Both T-Mobile and Verizon Wireless have committed to go on the tower.

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 Hartford Courant.

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 Jessica Brito as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Bloomfield on Thursday, July 9, 2009, and depositing the transcript in the Bloomfield Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	03/16/09
Completeness review	04/07/09
Subcommittee meeting	04/07/09
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	04/09/09
• Set-One responses due	04/25/09
• Set-Two Filed	04/27/09
• Set-Two responses due	05/13/09
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	06/17/09
Pre-filed testimony due	07/02/09
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	07/02/09
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	07/09/09
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	07/09/09
Close of Record	08/10/09
Draft Findings of Fact	08/14/09
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	08/28/09
Deadline for Decision	09/13/09
180-day extension date	03/11/10

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