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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 397** - 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 at 445 Prospect Street, Woodstock, 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 at 445 Prospect Street in the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut. The proposed facility consists of a 130-foot monopole within a 100-foot by 100-foot lease area. The site is located on a 44-acre agricultural parcel in the northeast section of Woodstock. The site would provide coverage to Route 197 and Route 169 as well as local roads in the area.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant diagrams, 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 Norwich Bulletin.

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-Weston as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Woodstock on March 11, 2010, and depositing the transcript in the Woodstock Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	12/09/2009
Completeness review	02/11/2010
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	02/05/2010
• Set-One responses due	02/24/2010
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	02/22/2010
Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants	02/25/2010
Pre-filed testimony due	03/04/2010
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	03/04/2010
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	03/11/2010
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	03/11/2010
Close of Record	04/12/2010
Draft Findings of Fact	04/22/2010
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	05/06/2010
Deadline for Decision (180 days)	06/07/2010

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