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GENERAL INFORMATION:

PETITIONER

City of Rapid City

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DATE OF APPLICATION

6/17/2005

REVIEWED BY

Karen Bulman

RECOMMENDATION: Staff will provide a recommendation at the July 21, 2005 Planning Commission meeting.

GENERAL COMMENTS: Faulk & Foster for Western Wireless submitted an application on April 29, 2005 to amend the Rapid City Municipal Code, Chapter 17, to allow microcell antennas on existing utility poles and facilities. Western Wireless proposed to utilize existing poles and facilities for their cellular equipment in order to minimize the construction of additional towers within the community. The Planning Commission heard this application at a special meeting held on June 16, 2005 and directed staff to draft ordinance amendments to Chapter 17 of the Rapid City Municipal Code to change the definition of microcell communication and to change portions of the zoning code regarding microcell communications.

STAFF REVIEW: Staff is currently drafting ordinance amendments to allow microcell antennas in accordance with the direction provided by the Planning Commission on June 16, 2005. As soon as the draft ordinances are completed and reviewed, staff will forward the information to the Planning Commission for consideration.