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RE: **Docket No. 340** Optasite Towers LLC and Omnipoint Communications, Inc
1 Deerfield Lane, Ansonia, CT

Osborne Lane Associates, LLC is the owner of 5 residential parcels occupying the entire southern side of Osborne Lane in Woodbridge, adjacent to the proposed tower. We are obviously concerned about the impact of the proposed tower and respectfully ask the applicant and Siting Council to investigate and employ any and all means currently available to the minimize the visual impact of the cell tower upon the immediate area and the surrounding region. Specifically we offer the following questions, and comments for your consideration.

1. Limit the overall height of the tower to what is needed to provide satisfactory service. At the proposed height of 180 feet the tower would be the 3rd tallest tower out of the 26 existing towers w/ in a the 4 mile search area listed in the Exhibit A of the Application. Given the limited area of coverage and the rural character of the area we request the applicant to explore and consider reducing the height of the tower in an effort minimize visual impact yet provide satisfactory service.
2. Consider relocating the pole within the site proper to the southwestern most side of the parcel. While on a macro level this may have little effect upon the visual impact, on a micro level it may have some merits. It would place the tower furthest away from the closest residential properties. In addition, as currently proposed, the pole is situated and noticeably visible the end of a view corridor created by the westerly orientation of Osborne Lane, as seen in View One in Exhibit K of the Application. It would seem that shifting the location of the tower would take advantage of the existing tree canopy and may remove it from this view corridor and minimize

its visual impact upon the closest residents. The tower location as proposed seems to be located as such for convenience of access as opposed to minimizing visual impact. We ask that the applicant explore and evaluate this as an option.

3. Given that the tower is in a rural setting adjacent of Ansonia Nature Center and large wooded tracts seemly void of other towers, transmission lines and other intrusions upon the natural landscape we ask the applicant consider measures to minimize its visual impact including employing a mono- pine pole, flush mounts for antennas or T- arm mounting configurations and/or the painting of pole and antennas brown.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith A. Russo', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Keith A. Russo
Landscape Architect
for Osborne Lane Associates, LLC

Cc. Parties and Intervenors