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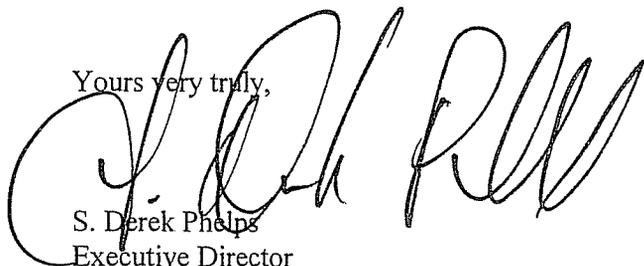
RE: **DOCKET NO. 319** - Optasite, Inc. and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility on one of two sites at 1662 Gold Star Memorial Highway (Route 184), Groton, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Chiocchio:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than November 15, 2006. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available.

Please forward an original and 15 copies to this office and a .pdf file on a compact disc. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Yours very truly,



S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director

c: Council Members
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Mr. Ronald Clark

PRE-HEARING INTERROGATORIES
DOCKET NO. 319 - GROTON
OPTASITE, INC. AND NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC
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1. Were return receipts received for all landowner abutting the proposed sites? If not, was any additional effort made to make sure that notice was received?
2. List any property owners for which a return receipt was not received.
3. Would Optasite make space available on the proposed facility for Town of Groton public safety antennas at no cost to the municipality?
4. What is the location and shape of the 0.5 mile site search area referred to in Tab 4?
5. At what height is Cingular located on each of the existing towers listed behind Tab 4? What is the distance and direction of each of these existing towers from the proposed sites?
6. Would Cingular require an emergency generator for use during power failures?
7. How many trees that are six inches or greater in diameter would have to be removed for the construction of proposed Site A and Site B and the access roads?
8. Identify the dominate vegetation/tree type and typical height at proposed Site A and Site B.
9. Is the existing driveway (currently used by the property owner) 12 feet wide? What is the length of the existing driveway?
10. Would construction of either proposed site require blasting?
11. Identify the direction and property owner of the nearest off-site residence to proposed Site A and proposed Site B?
12. Is the cost of landscaping at proposed Site B included in the estimated costs?
13. Provide detailed methods for protecting the wetland that the proposed access road to Site A would cross.
14. What is the distance and direction of both proposed sites to the nearest airport?
15. What is the estimated length along each road, identified in the application on page 5 of Tab 7, from which the proposed structures would be visible?
16. What is the dominant land use in areas with year-round visibility of proposed Site A?
17. What is the dominant land use in areas with year-round visibility of proposed Site B?

18. Estimate how many additional residences would have seasonal views of the proposed Site A or Site B tower.
19. Would the Applicants plant Connecticut-native evergreen trees around each proposed site as recommended in the results of the ornithological survey?
20. What would be the height at the top of Cingular's antennas for proposed Site A and Site B? What would be the total height at the top of the antennas for the proposed 150-foot tower at Site A and 160-foot tower at Site B?
21. The caption beneath the photosimulation for photographs 4a and 4b state that the distance is 1.41 miles from Site A and 1.48 miles from Site B; however the distance shown on the Photolog Documentation page appears to be less. Please clarify.
22. What is Cingular's minimum signal level threshold to provide adequate service in central Groton?
23. What are the lengths of Cingular's existing gap in coverage on Route 184 and Route 117? What is the existing signal level within the gap area?
24. Provide statistics, if available, on the number of dropped calls, or equivalent data, that presently exist within the target service area.

LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS
SERVICE LIST

Status Granted	Status Holder (name, address & phone number)	Representative (name, address & phone number)
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