

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL**

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF OPTASITE, INC. AND  
OMNIPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR  
THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND  
OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
FACILITY AT 940 MERIDEN ROAD IN THE  
CITY OF WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT

DOCKET NO. 321

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2006

**PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF RODNEY A. BASCOM, P.E.**

Q1. Mr. Bascom, please state your name and position.

A. Rodney Bascom and I am a Civil Engineer at Clough Harbour & Associates, LLP ("CHA"). CHA is located at 2139 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 212, Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

Q2. Please state your qualifications.

A. I received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Clarkson University in 1982. I am a licensed civil engineer in the State of Connecticut. I have worked in the engineering field for over 24 years and have been employed by CHA for 20 years. I have managed and assisted in the design and permitting of more than 1,000 wireless telecommunications facilities in New England and New York.

Q3. Please describe your involvement in this matter.

A. CHA was responsible for designing and preparing the site plans for the proposed Facility including the site access plan, the compound plan and tower elevation. In addition, CHA conducted a tree inventory of the site to determine the number of trees with a diameter of 6 inches or larger that would need to be removed for the construction of the site access driveway and compound.

Q4. Please describe the site.

A. The site is located at 940 Meriden Road (also known as 850 Meriden Road) (the "Property"). The Property is zoned RL low density residential and is located on Assessor's map 302, block 377, lot 70. The Property is 104 acres in size and is heavily wooded with mature vegetation. The property is owned by the Pine Grove Cemetery Association and is currently used as a cemetery with an associated office building and parking lot although portions of the Property are unused and wooded. The leased area is located in the north central portion of the Property. The Property is an ideal location for a telecommunications facility due to the topography, size and existence of mature trees and vegetation on the Property.

Q5. Please describe the access driveway.

A. The access driveway would result in minimal land disturbance and would require no tree removal due to the fact that the co-applicants will utilize an

existing driveway on the Property. That driveway extends from Meriden Road to the office building and associated parking on the Property. From the existing parking lot, a new gravel access driveway would extend to the proposed Facility and compound area.

Q6. Please describe the proposed Facility.

A. The proposed Facility would consist of a 110-foot monopole, associated equipment compound and access driveway. The compound area is 60 foot by 60 foot and will be fenced in with a chainlink fence and associated gate. The proposed Facility will accommodate antenna arrays and equipment for Sprint/Nextel and co-applicant Omnipoint Communications, Inc. ("T-Mobile"). In addition, the proposed Facility is able to accommodate antenna arrays and equipment for two additional carriers.

The statements above are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

11/16/06  
Date

Rodney A. Bascom  
Rodney A. Bascom, P.E.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 16 day of November, 2006.

By: Cathy A. Deane  
Notary / 1/31/07

