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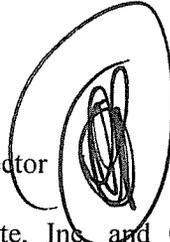
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DATE: October 10, 2006

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 322** - Optasite, Inc. and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 12 Orchard Drive, Ledyard, Connecticut.



I. Introduction

The application is from Optasite, Inc. and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. (T-Mobile) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment at one of two locations at 12 Orchard Drive, Ledyard, Connecticut. The proposed facility would provide service to Route 12 in the northwest corner of Ledyard and southeast corner of Preston.

The proposed facility would consist of a 150-foot monopole within a 75-foot by 75-foot equipment compound at either Site A or Site B. Both sites are located on a 144-acre parcel used as an orchard.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, 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 and in the New London Day.

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 Lisa Fontaine as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Ledyard on

November 28, 2006, and depositing the transcript in the Town Clerk's Office of the Ledyard and Preston Town Halls.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	09/25/06
Completeness review	10/10/06
Pre-hearing Questions	(tentative dates)
• Set-One Filed	10/12/06
• Set-One responses due	11/01/06
• Set-Two Filed	11/06/06
• Set-Two responses due	11/21/06
Pre-hearing conference (11:00 a.m.)	11/06/06
Pre-filed testimony due	11/21/06
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	11/21/06
Field review (3:00 p.m.)	11/28/06
Hearing (4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	11/28/06
Close of Record	12/28/06
Draft Findings of Fact	01/09/07
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	01/25/07
Deadline for Decision	03/23/07
180-day extension date	09/20/07

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