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April 17, 2007

Mark Pellegrini, AICP  
Director of Neighborhood Services and  
Economic Development  
Manchester Town Hall  
41 Center St., P.O. Box 191  
Manchester, CT 06045-0191

RE: **DOCKET NO. 328** - Optasite Towers LLC 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 1027  
Middle Turnpike East, Manchester, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Pellegrini:

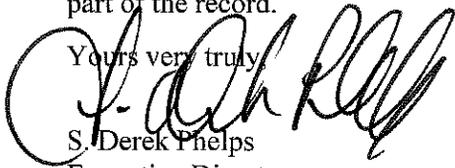
The Connecticut Siting Council is in receipt of your recent correspondence concerning Docket  
No. 328. Thank you for taking the time to convey your thoughts to us.

Before making its final decision on an application, the Council will carefully consider all the  
facts of the record. The record is developed by the Council; the applicant, parties and  
intervenor in the proceeding; and members of the public who submit written statements to the  
Council.

Please note that the Council will develop a deliberate schedule to provide all persons an  
opportunity to participate. This schedule will include a public hearing in the affected town for  
the benefit of the public.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter. The Council is guided by  
its jurisdiction under Connecticut State Law and endeavors to hold all proceedings fairly and  
open to the public. Please be assured that your comments will be carefully considered and made  
part of the record.

Yours very truly,



S. Derek Phelps  
Executive Director

SDP/laf

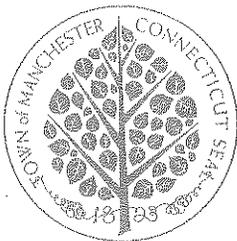
c: Parties and Intervenor

Date: April 11, 2007

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**LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS**  
**SERVICE LIST**

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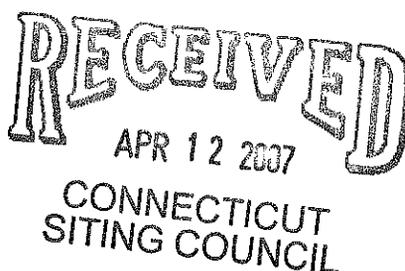
SCOTT SHANLEY, GENERAL MANAGER

April 10, 2007

Ms. Pamela B. Katz, Chair  
Connecticut Siting Council  
10 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket #328  
Optasite/T-Mobil

Dear Ms. Katz:



The Manchester Planning and Zoning Commission, at its meeting of April 4, 2007, discussed the proposal for a new 130-foot monopole tower and associated access drive and equipment cabinets for 1027 Middle Turnpike East. A substantially similar proposal for this property was submitted under docket #245 by the Marcus Group, LLC. The Planning and Zoning Commission would like to offer the following comments and observations to the Siting Council regarding the current proposal by Optasite:

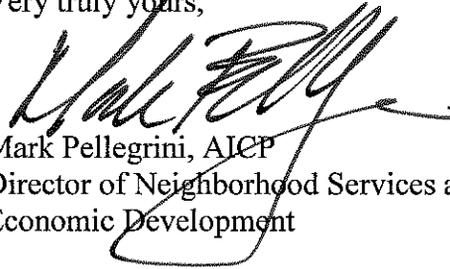
- We note that the proposed driveway will substantially use an existing access on the property. This drive is near or inside of the 50-foot upland review area of a wetland to the west of the driveway. The existing path and an extension of the path is proposed to be treated with gravel. We would only advise the council to be assured that the gravel drive as constructed would be adequate to service the anticipated traffic to and from the installation, and that it will be graded in such a way as not to affect the wetlands or the upland review area in this vicinity.
- As we recommended with the previous application, we would prefer that any utility lines necessary for the installation be placed underground rather than overhead.
- The applicants are proposing a chain link fence with vinyl slats to screen the equipment cabinets and other ground installations. In the previous application the Planning and Zoning Commission had requested, and Marcus Communications had agreed to propose, a wood stockade enclosure as opposed to the vinyl slats. We would ask the Siting Council and Optasite to consider a similar solid wood enclosure for this project as well.



- The applicants are proposing some evergreen shrubs around the equipment enclosure to screen it from visibility. This is desirable to screen the equipment cabinet enclosure from the abutting neighbors. However, the proposed tower location and equipment cabinet enclosure is located on the northern end of the site and is visible from the southern property line off of Middle Turnpike East. There is little landscaping along that edge of the property to screen the view across the open field. We ask that the Siting Council and Optasite consider planting appropriate species near the Middle Turnpike East property line so that views into the property from the public way are reduced or obscured.
- Finally, the Commission would ask the Siting Council to compare this application to the application for a tower at 12 Carpenter Road in Bolton and be satisfied that both installations are necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Very truly yours,



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Director of Neighborhood Services and  
Economic Development

MP/s

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