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RE: **DOCKET NO. 329** – 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 at 651 Paddock  
Avenue in Meriden, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney's Kohler & Larson:

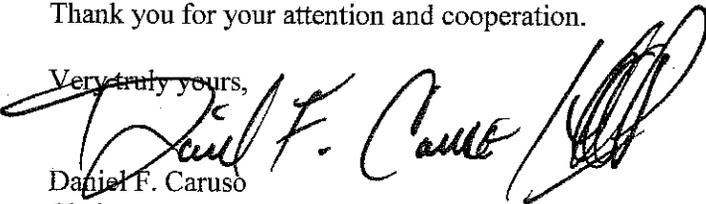
At a public meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council held on November 5, 2007, the  
Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered and approved the Development and  
Management (D&M) Plan submitted for this project on October 18, 2007.

This approval applies only to the D&M Plan submitted on October 18, 2007. Any changes to the  
D&M Plan require advance Council notification and approval.

Please be advised that deviations from this plan are enforceable under the provisions of the  
Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50u. Enclosed is a copy of the staff report on this D&M Plan,  
dated November 5, 2007.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

  
Daniel F. Caruso  
Chairman

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Enclosure: Staff Report, dated November 5, 2007

c: Parties and Intervenors

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### **Development and Management Plan Staff Report**

On August 29, 2007, the Council issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Optasite Towers, LLC (Optasite) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a cellular telecommunications facility at 651 Paddock Avenue in Meriden, Connecticut. In its decision, the Council specified that the approved tower could not exceed 120 feet in height and that all antennas on the tower be flush mounted. As required in the Council's Decision and Order, Optasite submitted a Development and Management (D&M) Plan for this facility on October 18, 2007.

In this proceeding, Optasite proposed one location in its application but also asked the Council to consider another location, which was the site Optasite originally selected for its proposed facility. During the deliberations on this docket, the Council and Optasite agreed to locate the facility on a third site. The consensus site is located near the center of a 3.89-acre parcel on which the First Assembly of God Church of Meriden is located. The facility would be situated at the edge of the wooded area on the western third of the property, between the church building and the Wilbur Cross Parkway.

At this location, Optasite would erect a 120-foot monopole tower, to be painted brown, within a 50-foot by 45-foot equipment compound to be enclosed by a six-foot high, solid board pressure treated wood stockade fence. Optasite has consulted with both the church and the city on the color of the tower as required by the Decision and Order. The church did not express a color preference. The city stated that either a natural grey or a painted brown would be acceptable.

The elevation of Optasite's tower shows all antennas as being flush mounted per the Council's Decision and Order. Site plans indicate that there would be four antenna placements. The plans also show T-Mobile as having a 10-foot by 20-foot concrete pad for its ground equipment.

A new, 12-foot wide gravel drive would be extended approximately 95 feet from the edge of the existing, paved parking area to provide vehicular access to the facility.

Utilities would be brought to the facility underground from Paddock Avenue and would run on the northerly side of the church, the side opposite the existing driveway to the church's parking lot.

Optasite's plans include landscaping to mitigate the visual impact of the compound on the nearest neighbors. It would plant white pine, Canadian hemlock, and Colorado spruce on three sides of the compound, to the south of the site along the Beier property, and to the east of the site along the rear of the Castro property. A row of trees would be planted along the north side of the proposed access drive as well.

Erosion and sedimentation controls would be established between the site of the compound and the wetlands closer to the Wilbur Cross Parkway, along the Beier property, and adjacent to the Castro property. The controls would be maintained through the construction period.

The D&M plan as submitted conforms to the conditions of Optasite's certificate approval.