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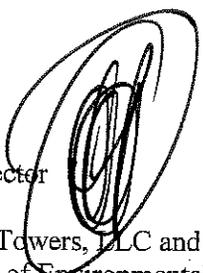
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March 20, 2007

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 330** – 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 1294 Pleasant Valley Road North, Groton, Connecticut.

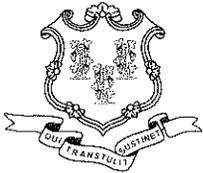


Enclosed please find a copy of the Council's notice of public hearing.

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Enclosure (1)

c: Secretary of the State
Robert L. Marconi, Assistant Attorney General
Parties and Intervenors
Application Service Recipients
Ginger Teubner, DPUC



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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of General Statutes § 16-50m and Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, beginning at 3:00 p.m., and continued at 7:00 p.m., Community Room One at the Groton Town Hall Annex, 134 Groton Long Point Road, Groton, Connecticut, and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on an application by Optasite Towers, LLC and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at 1294 Pleasant Valley Road North in Groton, Connecticut.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear evidence on the applicant's contentions that the public need for the facility outweighs any adverse environmental effects that would result from the construction, operation, or maintenance of a tower, ground equipment, and access road. The 3:00 p.m. hearing session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. The applicant will be allowed a final rebuttal. Briefs will be entertained after the close of the last hearing session. The 7:00 p.m. hearing session will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. Cross-examination of parties and intervenors will resume, if necessary, after all statements have been heard.

The Council will conduct a public field review of the proposed site on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The applicant will fly a balloon during the field review to simulate the height of the proposed facility.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, General Statutes § 16-50g, et seq., and Sections 16-50j-1 through 16-50v-1a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Council will hold a pre-hearing conference on procedural matters on Tuesday, April 3, 2007, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Council's office, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by April 12, 2007. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests 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.

Individuals are encouraged to participate through their elected officials, and other party/intervenor groupings.

Any person seeking to be named or admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding may file a written request to be so designated at the office of the Connecticut Siting Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051, on or before April 12, 2007.

Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the hearing.

Any person who is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding may file a written statement with the Council at the hearing or any time up to 30 days thereafter. Such statements will become part of the record. No written statement or any other material, evidence, or other information will be accepted from any person not a party or intervenor to the proceeding after 30 days following the close of the hearing, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing session(s) will be made and deposited with the Town Clerk's Office of the Groton and Ledyard Town Halls for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by April 9, 2007.

The applicant of this facility is represented by the following:

Applicant

Optasite Towers LLC and
Omnipoint Communications, Inc.

Its Representative

Julie Kohler, Esq.
Carrie L. Larson, Esq.
Deborah S. Erickson, Esq.
Cohen and Wolf, P.C.
1115 Broad Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

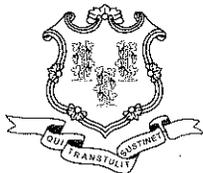
A copy of the application is available for review at the Council's office during office hours at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, (860) 827-2935. The Council has assigned this application docket no. 330.

March 20, 2007

Connecticut Siting Council

LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS
SERVICE LIST

| Status Granted | Status Holder (name, address & phone number) | Representative (name, address & phone number) |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Applicant | Optasite Towers LLC and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. | Julie Kohler, Esq. Carrie L. Larson, Esq. Deborah S. Erickson, Esq. Cohen and Wolf, P.C. 1115 Broad Street Bridgeport, CT 06604 (203) 368-0211 (203) 394-9901 fax jkohler@cohenandwolf.com clarson@cohenandwolf.com derickson@cohenandwolf.com |
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TO: Christopher B. Fisher, Esq.
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Thomas J. Regan, Esq.
Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LP

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
Robinson & Cole LLP

Michele G. Briggs
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

Sandy M. Carter
Verizon Wireless

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

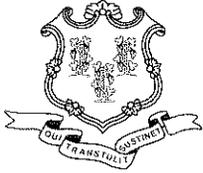
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The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has received an application for a proposed telecommunications facility in Groton. If you would like to participate in this proceeding, your response by or before April 12, 2007, will be appreciated.

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Enclosure: Hearing Notice

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TO: Commissioner Gina McCarthy
Department of Environmental Protection

Commissioner J. Robert Galvin
Department of Public Health

Karl Wagener, Executive Director
Council on Environmental Quality

Commissioner Donald W. Downes, Chairman
Department of Public Utility Control

Robert Genuario, Secretary
Office of Policy and Management

Commissioner James F. Abromaitis
Department of Economic and Community Development

Arthur W. Gruhn, P.E.
Chief Engineer, Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations
Department of Transportation

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

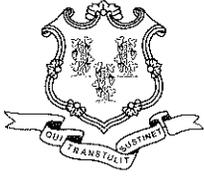
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Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50j(h), the Connecticut Siting Council hereby solicits your written comments and consultation. Your response by or before April 12, 2007, will be appreciated.

A copy of the application with location maps has previously been provided to you, pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50l.

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Screening Checklist

Connecticut Department of Transportation Potential Transportation Infrastructure Impacts Connecticut Siting Council Docket# 330

Location: 1294 Pleasant Valley Road North in Groton, CT

1. Is the proposed facility abutting the right-of-way of a State maintained highway?

No

Yes – Specify the location and show location on a detail site plan.

2. Is access for construction or maintenance of the proposed facility needed directly from a State maintained highway

No

Yes – Identify specific needs and access location.

3. Does the proposed construction or maintenance of the proposed facility impact any licensed aviation facility (L.A.F.)? Definition: L.A.F. is a facility licensed to operate by DOT, airport, heliport or parachute coop area.

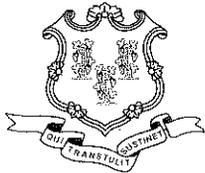
No

Yes – Please provide an area and site plan.

4. Is the proposed facility within or abutting a State owned Railroad Right-of-Way?

No

Yes – Please provide an area and site plan.



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The Honorable Susan B. Mendenhall
Mayor
Ledyard Town Hall
741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339

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Dear Mayor Mendenhall: *S. Mendenhall*

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has scheduled a public hearing in your neighboring town in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. I am writing to invite you to participate in this hearing.

The Council fully understands that municipal input and guidance is absolutely necessary to achieve a thoughtful and balanced decision in matters such as this. Accordingly, I am extending to you my personal invitation to participate in the hearing that is scheduled on April 18, 2007.

Please be advised that the Council's processes enable the affected municipal governments to engage in meaningful discourse and, if they choose, to even assert a legal role in the proceedings of applications that come before the Council. Municipalities are afforded a right of pre-filed technical information and consultation with applicants 60 days before an application is filed with the Council. During this period the municipality may conduct public hearings and meetings, as it deems necessary. Both the municipal and applicant filings become part of the Council's record.

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Our staff is available to assist you in understanding our process and your options. If you have questions, please contact Executive Director S. Derek Phelps (860 827-2935). In the event you have legal questions, please contact our Assistant Attorney General Robert Marconi (860 827-2682).

The Council weighs many issues before rendering its decisions. It is important that we know the Town's views as part of that decision making process. We hope you will take part in our hearing process.

Sincerely,

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Hope you're well!



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The Honorable Harry A. Watson, Mayor
Groton Town Hall
45 Fort Hill Road
Groton, CT 06340

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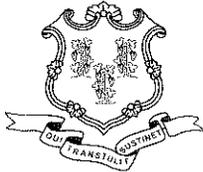
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Joseph Reese
Tech Theatrical Services, LLC
98 Knight Street
Watertown, CT 06795

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Pleasant Valley Road North, Groton, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Reese:

Your attendance will be required at a hearing of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council)
regarding the subject docket on:

Wednesday, April 18, 2007
3-5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. to conclusion
Community Room One at the Groton Town Hall Annex
134 Groton Long Point Road, Groton, CT 06340

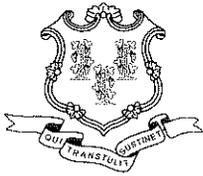
I am enclosing a copy of our hearing notice for your convenience. If you have any questions
concerning this matter, please call me.

Very truly yours,

Lisa A. Fontaine
Administrative Assistant

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Ruth Girolomo
Post Reporting Service, Inc.
2015 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06514

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Dear Ms. Girolomo:

In reference to our telephone conversation, your attendance will be required at a hearing of the
Connecticut Siting Council (Council) regarding the subject docket on:

Wednesday, April 18, 2007
3-5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. to conclusion
Community Room One at the Groton Town Hall Annex
134 Groton Long Point Road, Groton, CT 06340

The Council will require delivery of the complete transcript, an original and one copy, within one
week of the hearing. I am enclosing a copy of the application filing and our hearing notice for
your convenience. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Very truly yours,

Lisa A. Fontaine
Administrative Assistant

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Groton Times
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The Norwich Bulletin
66 Franklin Street
Norwich, CT 06360

FROM: Lisa A. Fontaine, Administrative Assistant

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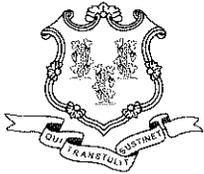
Please publish the attached legal notice for one day on the first day possible from receipt of this notice, except on Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50m(c), the general notice to be public shall be published in its entirety in not less than **TEN POINT BOLDFACE TYPE**. If you have any questions concerning the ten point type, please contact me. If your newspaper does not have ten point type, please so state and also state the size type actually used in the legal notice in your affidavit.

Please send affidavit of publication and invoice to: Connecticut Siting Council
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Sue Wells
Groton Town Hall Annex
134 Groton Long Point Road
Groton, CT 06340

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Dear Ms. Wells:

Confirming our telephone conversation, I appreciate the reservation of the Community Room One at the Groton Town Hall Annex for a public hearing on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, from 1:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

For your information, I have attached a general plan for seating arrangements.

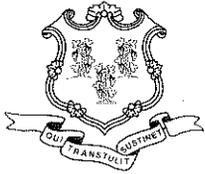
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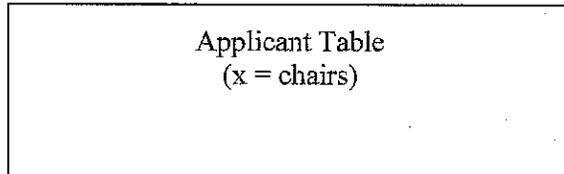
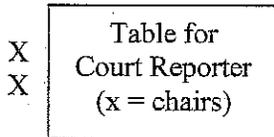
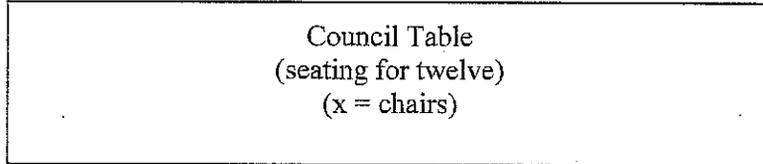
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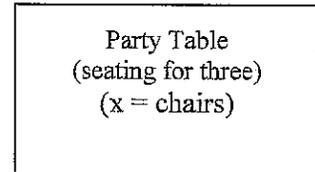
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