

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF NATIONAL GRID WIRELESS, INC.  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR  
THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND  
OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
FACILITY AT 17 COTTAGE ROAD IN THE  
TOWN OF MADISON

DOCKET NO.333

Date: June 13, 2007

RESPONSE TO CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL  
PRE HEARING INTERROGATORIES  
NATIONAL GRID WIRELESS, INC.

Q.1 Provide the Affidavit of Publication for the published legal notices that were published in The Source and The Shoreline Times.

R.4 Affidavits of publication for the legal notices published in The Source and The Shoreline Times are included herewith in Attachment 1.

Q.2 Did NGW receive return receipts for all adjacent landowners listed behind Tab 10 of the application? If not, was any additional effort made to make sure that notice was received?

R.4 No, it did not receive receipts back from all certified mailings. Notification was not returned by/from the State of Connecticut. Mailing of notice by certified mail is proper notice pursuant to State Statute and the failure or refusal to claim same requires no additional steps by an applicant for jurisdictional purposes. Nevertheless, as a courtesy, NGW provided another notice letter to the State of Connecticut (see Response Number 3 for details) via first class mail in an effort to ensure actual notice of the application.

Also, included herewith in Attachment 2 is a photo of the notice sign that was installed at the site in compliance with the Siting Council's Application Guideline. The notice sign was placed on June 9, 2007.

Q.3 List any property owners for which a return receipt was not received.

R.4 State of Connecticut  
Bureau of Land Management  
79 Elm Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106  
Map 30 Lot 33; Map 31, Lot 69

- Q4. What is the area contained within the search ring shown behind Tab 4 of the application?
- R.4 The search ring included in Tab 4 of the Application is approximately 5,000 feet in diameter.
- Q.5 Is the Griswold Airport currently active? If not, what is the closes active airport to the proposed site?
- R.5 No, it is not. Griswold Airport closed in late 2006. The airport property is now owned by Leyland Alliance, Inc. which plans to develop a 127 unit adult residential community on the site. The closest active airport is now Tweed New Haven Airport, located 14.5 miles to the west of the proposed site.
- Q.6 Would antennas mountings be spaced at ten-foot intervals on the proposed tower? If so, why would antennas be mounted with a centerline at the 130-foot level (with T-Mobile antennas mounted with a centerline at the 117-foot level)?
- R.6 Yes, antennas of different wireless carriers would be mounted at ten-foot intervals on the proposed monopole; the recommended space intervals between carriers' antennas. As noted in the Application materials and in response to the Town of Madison's comments on the proposed Facility, NGW is proposing a monopole 130 feet in height to accommodate co-location by all carriers providing wireless services and promote tower sharing. The antenna centerline mounting height for the antennas at the top of the monopole would be 127' AGL so that the top of the antennas would not exceed the top of the proposed monopole.
- Q.7. There is some inconsistency between the text of the application and the site drawing of the proposed monopole, would T-Mobile antennas be mounted at the 117-foot level or the 127-foot level?
- R. 7. As noted above in Response Number 6 and in the Application materials, NGW is proposing a 130-foot monopole to accommodate co-location and promote tower sharing. T-Mobile analyzed the proposed Facility and determined that a minimum centerline height of 117' AGL would provide adequate coverage. T-Mobile as the anchor tenant will install its antennas at a centerline height of 127' AGL as shown on the tower elevation included in Tab 5 of NGW's Application.
- Q.8 Would blasting be required for the development of the proposed site?
- R.8 NGW does not anticipate that blasting would be required to develop the proposed facility.
- Q.9 Would NGW design a yield point into the proposed tower to allow the tower setback?
- R.9 Yes, NGW would design a yield point to allow for a greater "fallzone" radius, if requested to do so by the Siting Council.

Q.10 What is the land use of the Strathmore Farms Development Company property to the north and the property to the west owned by Robert & Allyce Dowler?

R.10 The Strathmore Farms Development Company property, located to the north of the proposed site, is a parcel of dedicated open space associated with the Strathmore Farms Subdivision, which lies north of the open space property.

Robert and Allyce Dowler, owners of the abutting parcel to the east, have received approval to construct a three story office building on the property ("Millstone Square") and are actively marketing the office spaces for lease. A second Millstone Square office building is to be built on the other Dowler-owned property, which is located southeast of the proposed site.

Q.11 How many residences are within a 1,000 foot radius of the proposed site?

R.11 There are 23 residences located within 1,000 feet of the proposed site.

Q.12 What are the distance and the direction of the nearest residence to the proposed site? Who is the owner of that residence?

R.12 The closest residence to the proposed site is located approximately 480 feet to the north. The owners of this residence are Louis E. & Cynthia S. Ursini and the residence address is 31 Deveron Drive, Madison, Connecticut.

Q.13 Has NGW received a determination by the State Historic Preservation Officer regarding the impact of the proposed facility?

R.13. At this time, NGW had not received a final determination by the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), however, based on a recent meeting with the SHPO, a final determination is expected by June 20<sup>th</sup>.

As discussed in NGW's Application, the State Park Supply Yard, a site listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is located in the vicinity of the proposed Facility. The State Park Supply Yard property is owned by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and is currently used as a vehicle and equipment maintenance and storage yard. The State Park Supply Yard was listed as a thematic resource in 1986, as one component of a class of similar historic resources. Seven structures at the site were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) between 1933 and 1935 and the property and structures were listed as a resource associated with the Connecticut State Park and Forest Depression Era Federal Work Relief Programs. Not all of the structures exist today.

In response to the SHPO's request, photos of the State Park Supply Yard and additional photosimulations of the proposed Facility in the vicinity of the State Park Supply Yard were forwarded to the SHPO for their review. This additional documentation was

forwarded to SHPO by NGW's expert representatives with their conclusion that the proposed Facility would not have an adverse visual impact on the State Park Supply Yard. (See NGW's Application, Tab 6) In addition to the reports and photos/photosimulations forwarded to SHPO, representatives of NGW met with Susan Chandler, Historical Architect, on June 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposed Facility and follow up on the documentation submitted to her for review.

During the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting with SHPO, the existing use of the property and current appearance of the structures on the property were discussed and additional photos of existing site conditions were reviewed. As expected, the existing site appearance is consistent with its use as a vehicle and equipment maintenance and storage yard. Accordingly, while the history of the site is significant as a utilitarian working site and is still able to convey its historic use, the resource is not specifically significant for its "splendor" and the integrity has been compromised due to deterioration and the removal of one of the original structures.

We also discussed with SHPO our contact with the DEP regarding its use of the site. Cuddy & Feder submitted a Freedom of Information request to the DEP to obtain any information they had regarding the acquisition and use of the State Park Supply Yard property. Ms. Beth Brothers in Land Acquisition suggested that Mr. Rick Dewey in her office would be able to respond to the request for information. Mr. Rick Dewey was contacted and he agreed to research the DEP files for this site for any information regarding feasibility studies for use of the site or any deed restrictions. Based on his research, Mr. Dewey confirmed that there are no restrictions on the DEP's use of the site of feasibility studies for other future uses.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> at the meeting with Ms. Chandler, the results of the municipal consultation with the Town of Madison and the site search for the proposed Facility were also discussed. Representatives of NGW explained how the Madison Planning & Zoning Commission reviewed and considered visibility of the proposed Facility, however, no one expressed concern about visual impacts to the State Park Supply Yard during the municipal consultation. The use and need of the Facility by the Madison Police Department was also discussed. Details of NGW's extensive search for a site to serve this area of Madison was also explained and based on the three year search for sites, it was clear that no feasible alternatives exist for the siting of the needed facility.

Finally, potential visual mitigation was also discussed with the SHPO (e.g. flush mounts, brown stick, monopine, flagpole, 10' lower height, etc.). While NGW is willing to incorporate visual mitigation techniques, it was clear from the photographic documentation that any available visual mitigation techniques would not make a significant or material difference on visibility from on-site at the State Park Supply Yard which SHPO concurred with. We also noted that some of the potential visual mitigation techniques could have technical limitations that would impact the use of the facility by the Madison Police Department as well co-location by other carriers.

As a result of the documentation submitted to the SHPO and the meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>, it is expected that SHPO will determine that although the proposed Facility does have a "adverse" visual effect on the State Park Supply Yard, given the particular circumstances in this matter, including the current use and appearance of the State Park Supply Yard, the fact that the proposed Facility site is the only prudent and feasible location based on an extensive search for sites, and the public need for the Facility, that there are no prudent or feasible alternatives and as such, will issue a "no adverse effect" finding. It is also anticipated that the SHPO will not request any visual mitigation of the proposed monopole Facility, however, should the SHPO make any recommendations, NGW will endeavor to incorporate same.

- Q.14 What is the number of trees, six inches or greater in diameter, that would have to be removed for the construction of the proposed site and access road?
- R.14 Seven trees six inches in diameter or greater would be removed to construct the proposed Facility and access road.
- Q.15 Describe the vegetation at the proposed site.
- R.15 The northern portion of the property is wooded. The vegetation in this wooded area consists of the following tree types: Black Cherry, Red Oak, Sassafras, Shagbark Hickory, Staghorn Sumac, Sugar Maple, White Oak, White Pine, and Yellow Birch. Light brush exists along the eastern property boundary and along a portion of the southern boundary. Woods abut the property to the west.
- Q.16 What is the average height of vegetation in the area of the proposed site?
- R.16 The average height of the vegetation in the area of the proposed site is approximately 65'.
- Q.17 What is the distance and direction of the nearest wetland from the proposed site?
- R.17 The closest wetlands are located across Cottage Road, approximately 500' south of the proposed tower site. There are no wetlands on the host property.
- Q.18 What is the distance of the proposed site to the nearest boundary of Hammonasset State Park?
- R. 18 The closest point to Hammonasset State Park's northern boundary, which runs along the south side of Route 1, is approximately 800' away from the proposed site. The actual entrance to the park (the gated "toll" booth) is located about one half mile south of the proposed site. Hammonasset's main attraction, its mile and a half long beach, is located about ¾ of a mile south of the proposed facility's location.
- Q.19 Is NGW considering the construction of a "brown stick" at the proposed site, as included in two photosimulations?

R. 19 NGW considered a “stick” style tower, but ultimately concluded a traditional monopole to be more adaptive in accommodating the four wireless carriers, the Madison Police Department and potentially, the Madison Fire Department on a single facility of moderate height. The “brown stick” photo simulations were prepared in response to a request from the Madison Planning & Zoning Commission during the Applicant's technical consultation.

Q.20 What is the distance and direction of each site listed in the Existing Tower List behind Tab 4 of the application?

The distance and direction of each tower listed in the Existing Tower List included in Tab 4 of the Application is included in the following table:

<b>OWNER/ OPERATOR</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM PROPOSED SITE</b>
Madison Fire Department	665 Boston Post Road Madison	1.8 miles west-southwest
Madison (former PD facility)	8 Old Rt. 79 Madison	2.2 miles west- northwest
CL&P	35 New Rd. Madison	1.5 miles northwest
COMCAST	21 East Main St. Clinton	1.8 miles east
Clinton Fire Department	49 East Main St. Clinton	2 miles east
Clinton (former PD facility)	48 East Main St. Clinton	1.9 miles east
Verizon	40 Cow Hill Rd. Clinton	1.5 miles northeast
Quality Auto Sales	64 West Main St. Clinton	1.5 miles east
Clinton PD HQ	170 East Main St. Clinton	2.5 miles east
SBA Towers	46 Meadow St. Clinton	3.3 miles east

Q.21 Would NGW be willing to access the proposed site via the existing driveway on the property with a new drive to the compound?

R. 21 NGW originally discussed gaining site access via the existing entrance and driveway with the property owner. The proposed access route was selected over use of the existing driveways for several reasons:

- **Security.** The property owner's business performs classified research projects for the United States Military and other Federal Government agencies. Dr. Stonehart believed building security would be compromised if a common gated entrance was used.
- **Potential impact on infrastructure.** An access road running northerly from the existing driveway area would cross over the existing septic system leaching fields and associated underground distribution hardware.
- **Preference.** Dr. Stonehart also feels the gravel access road would be least visually impactful if it were located along the eastern edge of his property.

Q.22 The Airspace Obstruction Report behind Tab 5 of the application states that "a structure up to 130 feet AGL should receive a routine approval." Does NGW expect that an extension to 150 feet agl in the future, as requested, would require obstruction marking and/or lighting?

R.22 Given that the Griswold Airport is no longer active and the property on which it operated will be developed for residential use, NGW expects that a 150-foot monopole would not require marking or lighting.

Q.23 What would be the diameter at the base and the top of the proposed monopole?

R.23 Based upon similar tower designs, the top of the tower will have a diameter of approximately 25" and the base of the tower will have a diameter of approximately 50".

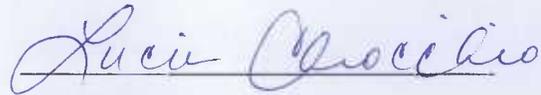
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this day National Grid Wireless's Response to Pre Hearing Interrogatories were sent electronically to the Connecticut Siting Council and an original and twenty-one copies were delivered via overnight mail to the Connecticut Siting Council with electronic copies forwarded to:

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Dated: June 13, 2007



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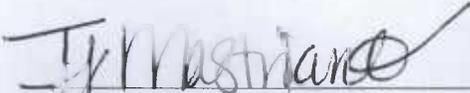
**ATTACHMENT 1**

### Affidavit of Publication

I, TJ Mastriano, do solemnly swear that I am the Publisher's Assistant at Shore Publishing Newspapers (*The Source*), printed and published weekly, in the state of Connecticut and that from my own personal knowledge and reference to the files of said publication the advertisement of a Legal Notice was inserted in the regular edition. Notice by the National Grid Wireless, Inc. was published in *The Source* newspaper on the following date:

April 5, 2007

A copy of the Legal Notice is attached hereto.

  
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TJ Mastriano  
Publisher's Assistant

Date: 4/4/2007

Subscribed and sworn to before me on April 4, 2007.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 9/30/08

## Madison Art Society Hosts Juried Exhibit

The Madison Art Society's annual juried exhibit begins with an opening reception on Friday, May 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Scranton Memorial Library. The exhibit runs through May and is open to the public during library hours. For more info, call 203-245-0716.

### NOTICE

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Dolly Bean, Town Clerk  
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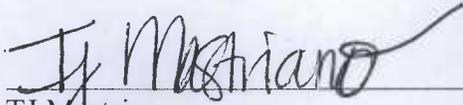
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TJ Mastriano  
Publisher's Assistant

Date: 4/4/2007

Subscribed and sworn to before me on April 4, 2007.

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clists last June, police said.

Maximilian Gocłowski, 20, of 4 Maple Avenue in Madison, was arrested on a warrant charging him with evading responsibility in the operation of a motor vehicle following an accident in which there were injuries. He was issued a \$25,000 court set bond and was scheduled to appear in Middletown Superior Court on March 19.

1200 1/2 WESTBROOK DRIVE IN Westbrook, when a 1996 Acura allegedly operated by Gocłowski "struck both bicyclists and continued on without stopping."

Both bicyclists sustained injuries, police said, and one victim sustained a serious head trauma and was transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Evidence gathered at the scene of the crash, numerous interviews by troopers and detectives, and

Acura was located and seized, police said. A forensic analysis of evidence found on the vehicle confirmed that the Acura belonging to Gocłowski was in fact the vehicle that struck the two bicyclists.

Police said they are continuing to investigate to determine if probable cause exists to arrest other subjects who may have been involved in the accident.

Gocłowski is free on bond but was unavailable for comment.

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## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

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SHORELINE TIMES

This clipping was published on the following date:

MARCH 28, 30, 2007

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(See attached)

By:

ANNETTE CARR  
SHORELINE CLASSIFIED MANAGER

signed and sworn to me before

19 2007

NOTARY PUBLIC:

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My Commission Expires 10/31/07

**ATTACHMENT 2**

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

National Grid Wireless, Inc. has filed an application with the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) for construction of a telecommunications facility on this site. The maximum height of said facility shall not exceed 135 feet. The council will hold a public hearing on June 20, 2007 at Memorial Town Hall on Meeting House Lane at 3 and 7 PM. A copy of the application can be reviewed at the Town Hall or at the Council offices in New Britain. For more information, please contact the Council by telephone at 860.827.2935, electronically at [www.ct.gov/csc](http://www.ct.gov/csc), or by mail at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051.

