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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 340** - 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 1 Deerfield Road, Ansonia, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Optasite Towers LLC and Omnipoint Communications for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the Town of Ansonia, Connecticut.

The proposed facility would be located at 1 Deerfield, Road, Ansonia. On this 16 acre parcel owned by Macabee Properties, LLC, the applicants would erect a 180-foot monopole (to replace an existing 75-foot lattice tower) within a 43-foot x 73-foot compound. Access to the site would extend from Osborne Lane over an existing dirt driveway to the site.

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 New Haven Register and the Amity Observer.

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 Ansonia on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, and depositing the transcript in the Ansonia City Hall and the Woodbridge Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	06/07/2007
Completeness review	07/03/2007
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	07/10/2007
• Set-One responses due	07/31/2007
• Set-Two Filed	08/07/2007
• Set-Two responses due	08/28/2007
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	08/16/2007
Pre-filed testimony due	09/10/2007
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	09/10/2007
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	09/18/2007
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	09/18/2007
Close of Record	10/18/2007
Draft Findings of Fact	10/31/2007
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	11/13/2007
Deadline for Decision	12/04/2007
180-day extension date	06/01/2008

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