

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL**

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF MCF
COMMUNICATIONS bg, INC. AND
OMNIPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR
THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND
OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS
FACILITY AT RICH ROAD IN THE
TOWN OF THOMPSON, CONNECTICUT

DOCKET NO. 344

DATE: October 5, 2007

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF BRAD GANNON

Q1. Mr. Gannon, please summarize your professional background in telecommunications.

A. I am a partner at MCF Communications bg, Inc. ("MCF"). I have been part of the telecommunications industry for seven years and my primary focus is on property development, site acquisition, lease contract negotiations, and construction of newly-approved towers.

I have successfully completed all aspects of development activities for more than eighty sites through New England.

Q2. What is the purpose of your testimony?

A. My testimony provides background information relating to this application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need for the proposed Thompson facility. In addition, I will address the specific site search resulting in the proposed site and MCF and T-Mobile's activities prior to initiation of this application.

Q3. What is MCF's and T-Mobile's relationship in this application?

A. As described in detail below, MCF has a working relationship with T-

Mobile to co-develop new tower facilities in the State of Connecticut. T-Mobile identified a need for a new facility in this area of Thompson and MCF conducted the site search. The arrangement between T-Mobile and MCF provides for MCF and T-Mobile to make a joint application to the Council; for MCF to own, construct and maintain the site as the Certificate holder; and for T-Mobile to serve as the anchor tenant.

Q4. How does MCF conduct a site search?

A. MCF maintains a close relationship with T-Mobile, follows the development activities of others and has an in-depth understanding of the fluctuating market conditions. When T-Mobile contacted MCF regarding the need for a new facility in this area of Thompson, MCF began its review of the area. The first activity after assignment of a search ring to acquisition personnel is a review of the area for a suitable existing structure. Only once MCF exhausts its search for existing structures on which to locate does it then begin to study the area for suitable locations to construct a new facility.

Once it is determined that no existing structures are suitable for co-location does MCF then begin to search for sites to construct a new facility. Potential locations are studied by radio frequency engineers to determine whether the locations will meet the technical requirements for a site in the area. Obviously, the list of potential locations is further refined based on the willingness of property owners to make their property available.

Q6. Please describe MCF's search for the proposed Thompson wireless facility.

A. MCF commenced a passive search for a site in this area of Thompson in 2003 because MCF had been involved in the approval of T-Mobile's adjacent facility in Webster, Massachusetts. Subsequently, MCF and was assigned the search ring from T-Mobile in May, 2005. In that area, MCF found no existing towers suitable for use as a wireless communications facility. In addition, MCF identified no existing structures which were suitable for use and available.

Turning to locations for a new tower proposal, MCF found that site selection in the area contained numerous large, undeveloped tracts of land. After contacting numerous property owners in the search area, MCF entered into a lease with Ms. Joan McHugh for property located at Wilsonville Road (Assessors Map 97 / Block 29 / Lot 3A) (the "McHugh Property"). MCF filed a technical report with the Town of Thompson for the McHugh Property on or about September 26, 2006.

During the municipal consultation process on the McHugh Property, the Town expressed its interest in MCF locating the proposed Facility on town-owned property. The Town indicated that it owned a parcel on Rich Road (the "Town Property"). MCF investigated the possibility of locating the proposed Facility on the Town Property and determined that it was viable. In addition, MCF determined that a Facility on the Town Property at 150' AGL would satisfy T-Mobile's coverage needs in the area.

Pursuant to the requirements of Connecticut General Statutes § 8-24,
MCF attended a town meeting with the Town of Thompson on November 21,

2006. The Town's citizens voted to approve a proposed lease between MCF and the Town for the development of the proposed Facility at Rich Road.

Subsequently, MCF entered into a lease with the Town and submitted this Application to the Siting Council.

Q7. Have the Applicants consulted with municipal officials with regard to their plans?

A. Yes. As discussed above, MCF has spent a substantial amount of time discussing the proposed Facility with the Town. In compliance with Section 16-50(e), consultation with municipal officials was undertaken by MCF. First, as discussed above, on behalf of MCF, I hand-delivered copies of the technical report to the Town of Thompson on or about September 26, 2006 for a proposed Facility on the McHugh Property. After discussions with the Town and attendance at a town meeting in November, 2006, MCF entered into a lease with the Town for development of the proposed Facility on the Town Property. On or about May 30, 2007, on behalf of MCF, I hand-delivered a copy of the new technical report for the Town Property.

Q8. Have any other wireless carriers expressed their interest in co-locating on the proposed Facility?

Yes, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless has signed a lease with MCF to co-locate on the proposed Facility. Verizon Wireless has expressed its need to co-locate at 137' AGL.

Q9. Has the Town of Thompson expressed a need to locate emergency services equipment on the proposed Facility?

A. Yes. The Town of Thompson has indicated that while they have no immediate need, the Town would like to reserve space on the proposed Facility for its emergency services. As is its practice, MCF will provide space on the proposed Facility for such use, free of charge.

Q10. Did MCF post a sign on Town Property notifying the public of the hearing regarding the proposed Facility?

A. Yes. On Wednesday, September 26, 2007, MCF posted a sign, 4 feet by 6 feet in size at the Town Property. The sign provided notice to the public of the public hearing for this Application.

The statements above are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

10-2-07

Date

Brad Gannon

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Subscribed and sworn before me this 2nd day of October, 2007.



By:

Valerie Wilkins

Notary

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