

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

IN RE: :
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APPLICATION OF CELLCO PARTNERSHIP : DOCKET NO. 347
D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS FOR A :
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL :
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR :
THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE :
AND OPERATION OF A WIRELESS :
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT :
THE GAYLORDSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE :
DEPARTMENT, NEW MILFORD, :
CONNECTICUT : DECEMBER 11, 2007

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL LIBERTINE

1.Q. Please identify yourself and describe your position.

A. My name is Michael Libertine and I am a Senior Project Manager and the Director of Environmental Services for Vanesse Hangen and Brustlin, Inc. (“VHB”). Our offices are located at 54 Tuttle Place in Middletown, Connecticut.

2.Q. Please summarize your qualifications.

A. I have a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Connecticut with a concentration in Natural Resources Management. My background includes over 26 years of professional experience, including 17 years of environmental engineering consulting. I have assisted in the evaluation and permitting of more than 400 wireless telecommunication facilities in New England during the past ten years. This experience includes managing site screenings and environmental assessments to fulfill NEPA requirements, vegetative/biological surveys, noise analyses, visual impacts analyses and regulatory

permitting support. I have also been Project Manager for more than 1600 environmental site assessments and field investigations for property transfers in Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Florida and Canada. In addition to my management duties associated with the firm's telecommunications program, my responsibilities also include oversight of our Connecticut office environmental services.

3.Q. Please describe your involvement in the Docket No. 347 Application.

- A. VHB was hired by Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Cellco") to provide environmental consulting service related to its proposal to develop a telecommunications facility on property owned by the Gaylordsville Volunteer Fire Department ("GVFD") at 700 Kent Road (15 South Kent Road) in New Milford. More particularly, VHB was responsible for preparing a Visual Resource Evaluation Report ("Visual Report") analyzing the potential visibility and visual impacts of the tower site; and assisted with the assessment of potential impacts on State and Federal listed species, historic and archaeological resources and area wetland and watercourses.

4.Q. As a part of your Visual Report did you prepare any photosimulations?

- A. Yes. A series of photosimulations were included in the Visual Report. These simulations depict what the Cellco tower would look like from various locations surrounding the GVFD property.

5.Q. Did VHB and/or Cellco consider the use of a "stealth" tower installation at the GVFD site?

- A. Yes. As a part of its evaluation process, VHB did prepare photosimulations and evaluate the visibility of a telecommunications tower disguised as a pine tree; a "monopine" tower.

6.Q. Please summarize your findings as they relate to the installation of the monopine tower and provide copies of those photosimulations.

A. A copy of the photosimulations showing the proposed tower as a monopine is included in Attachment 1. The photographs depict views from the same locations as the photographs included in the Visual Report. The use of a monopine in this location would be consistent with conditions in the Site vicinity and better place the facility in context with its surroundings. Near views have obstructions of the lower portions of the facility and, although it will extend significantly above the surrounding tree canopy from a few perspectives, substantial vegetation exists in the area, including several evergreens. Views 1, 2, 3 and 7 are representative of near views of the proposed monopine. Distant views are set into the side slopes of steep hills that provide a vegetated backdrop and mitigate silhouettes of the facility against the skyline. See photographs 4, 5 and 6 as examples of this condition.

7.Q. Intervenor Linda Hart raised a series of concerns in her intervention petition related to the visual impact the proposed tower might have on four historic sites in the Gaylordsville area. Do you have any reaction or response to Ms. Hart's comments based on your familiarity with this tower site?

A. As part of the visibility assessment, VHB did evaluate potential views from historic sites in the Gaylordsville area. In general, views of the proposed facility from within the Gaylordsville area would be characterized as intermittent, at best. The four locations identified by Ms. Hart range in distance from the site between approximately 0.5 mile to 1.0 mile away. Views from those locations are obscured by intervening topography, vegetation and infrastructure. Therefore, views of the proposed facility are not anticipated from any of these sites. These findings are consistent with the State Historic Preservation Office's determination of no adverse effect of the project on historic resources.

8.Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

A. Yes.

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

December 11, 2007
Date

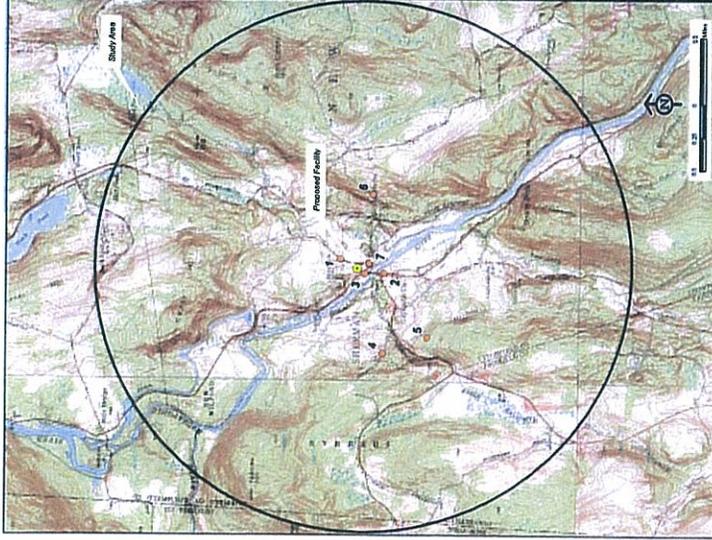
Michael Libertine
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Subscribed and sworn before me this 11 day of December, 2007.

Patricia A. Lozinski
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Notary Public

My Commission
Expires August 31, 2010

Photographic Documentation and Simulation View 1 Monopine



New Milford Northwest
700 Kent Road
Gaylordsville, CT

Monopine installation

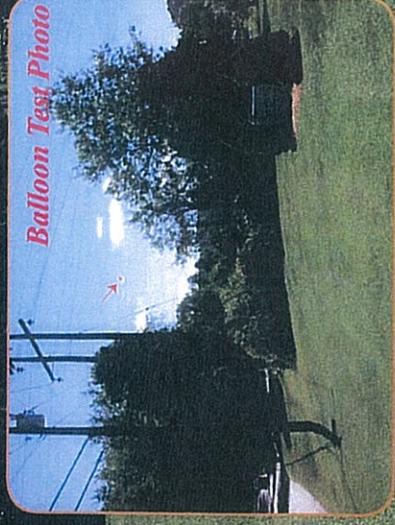
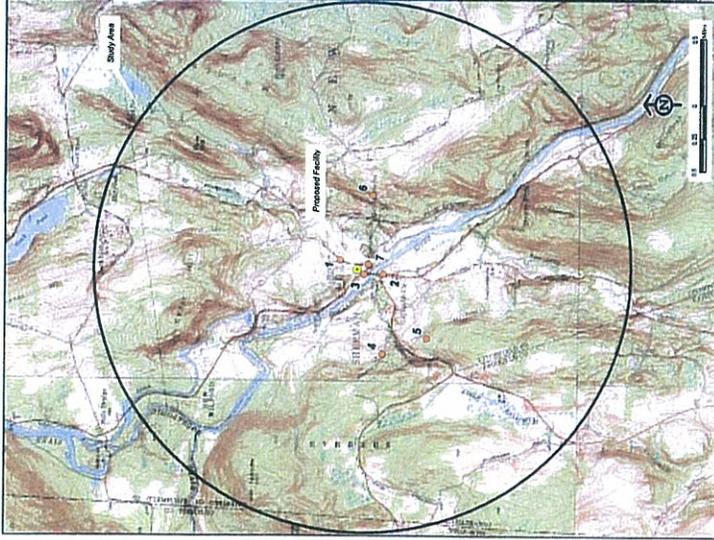


PHOTO TAKEN FROM SOUTH KENT ROAD AT MORNINGSIDE CEMETERY, LOOKING SOUTHWEST
DISTANCE FROM THE PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION TO THE PROPOSED SITE IS 0.14 MILE +/-

Photographic Documentation and Simulation View 2 Monopine

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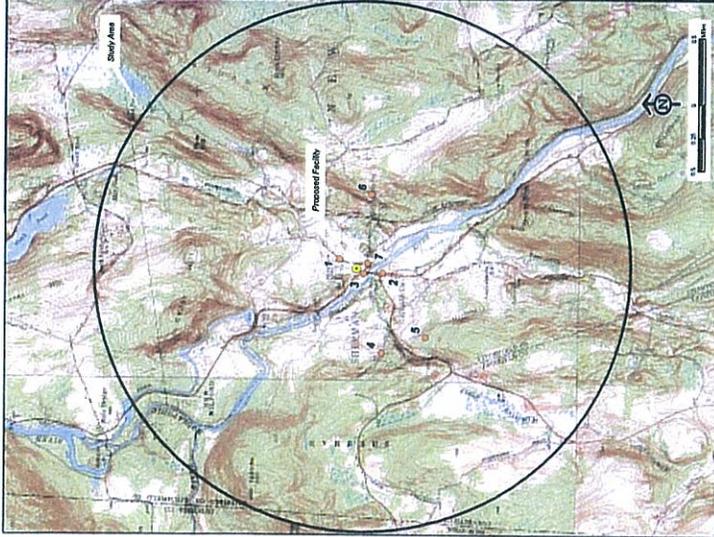
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PHOTO TAKEN FROM ROUTE 7 SOUTH OF ROUTE 55, LOOKING NORTHEAST
DISTANCE FROM THE PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION TO THE PROPOSED SITE IS 0.20 MILE +/-

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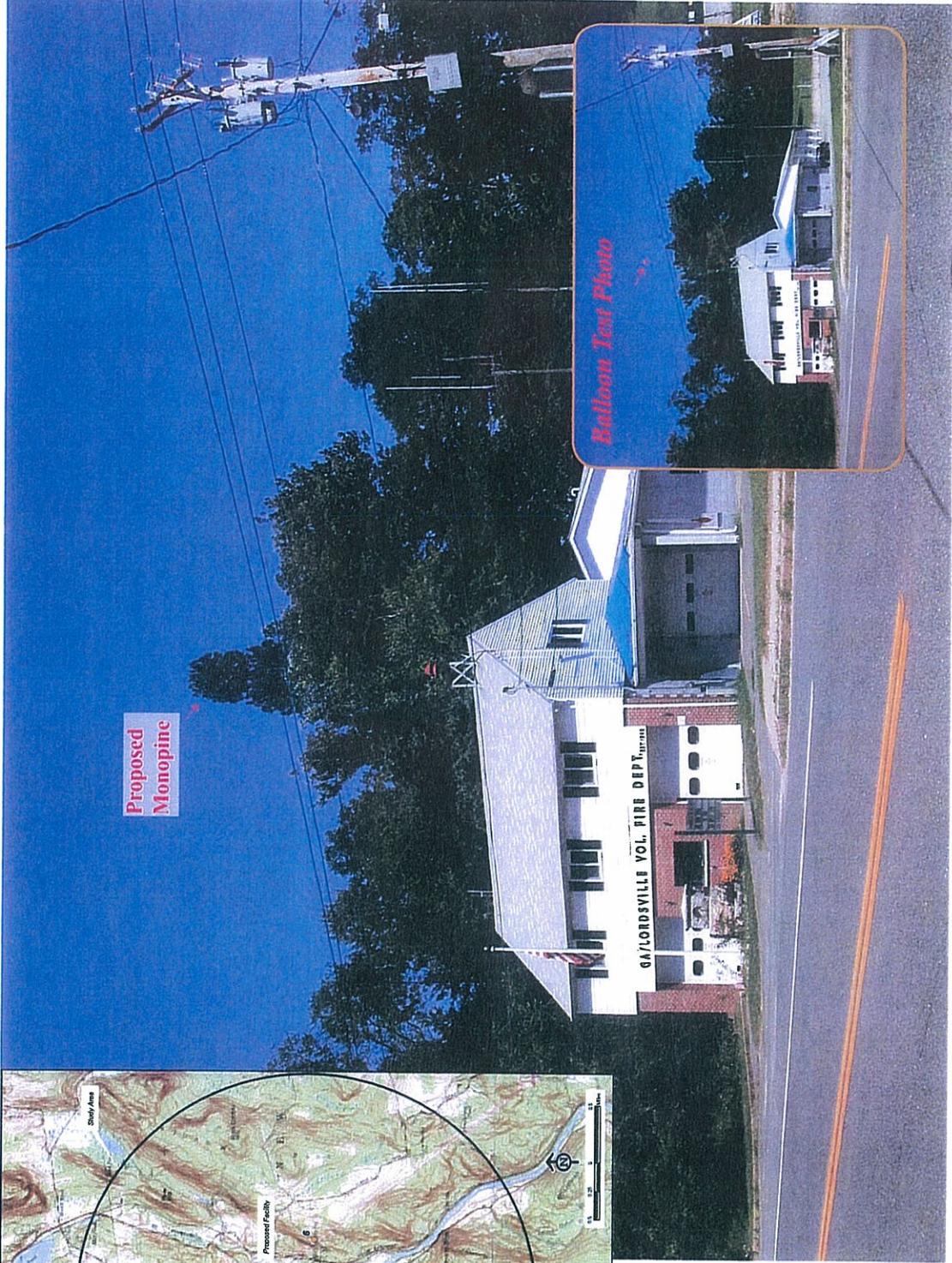
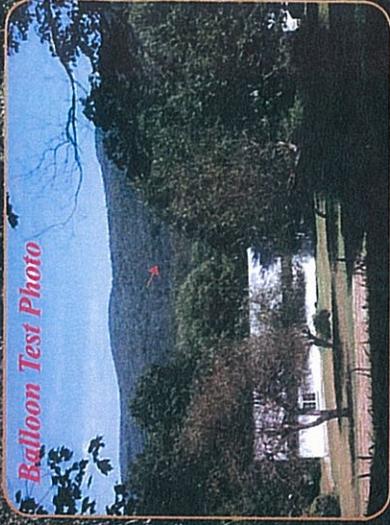
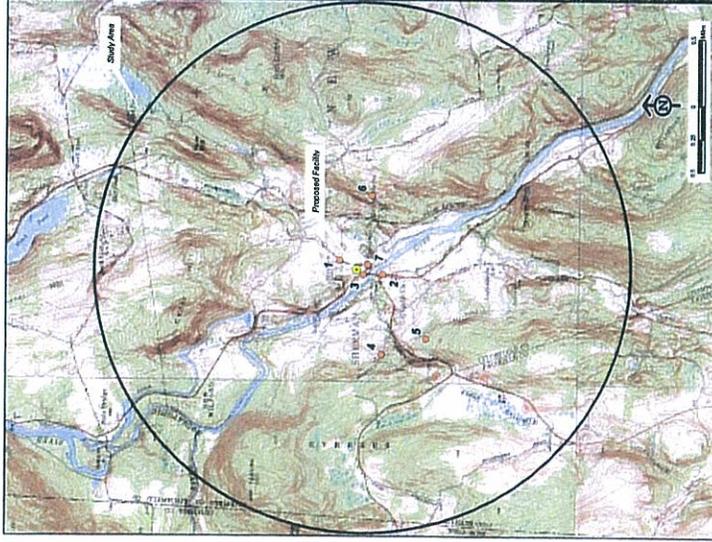


PHOTO TAKEN FROM ROUTE 7 GAYLORDSVILLE VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT (HOST PROPERTY), LOOKING NORTHEAST
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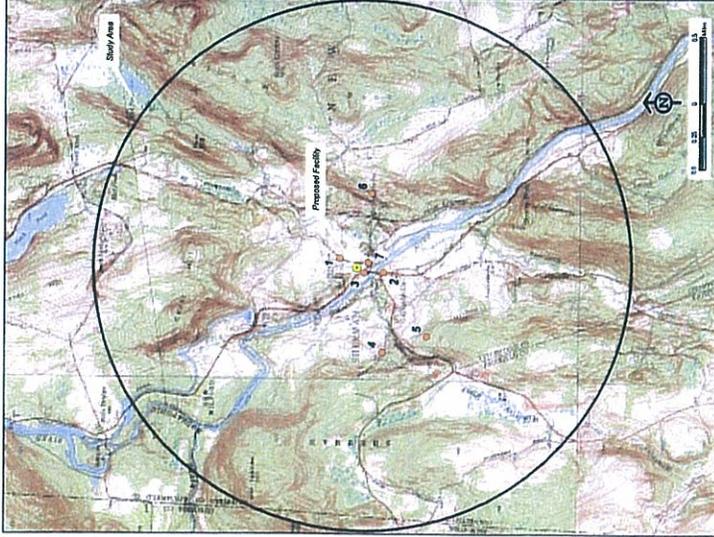
New Milford Northwest
700 Kent Road
Gaylordsville, CT

Monopine installation

PHOTO TAKEN FROM EVANS HILL ROAD ADJACENT TO HOUSE #5, LOOKING NORTHEAST,
DISTANCE FROM THE PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION TO THE PROPOSED SITE IS 0.66 MILE +/-

Photographic Documentation and Simulation View 5 Monopine

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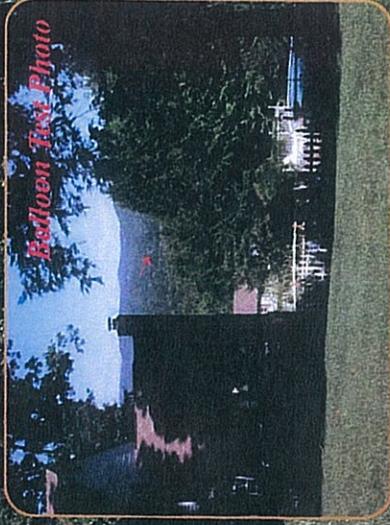
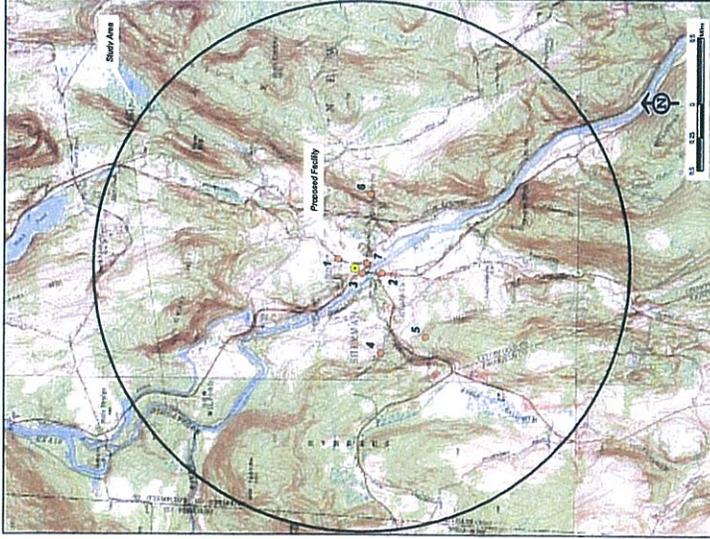


PHOTO TAKEN FROM HEMLOCK LANE ADJACENT TO HOUSE #9, LOOKING NORTHEAST
DISTANCE FROM THE PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION TO THE PROPOSED SITE IS 0.73 MILE +/-

Photographic Documentation and Simulation *View 6 Monopine*

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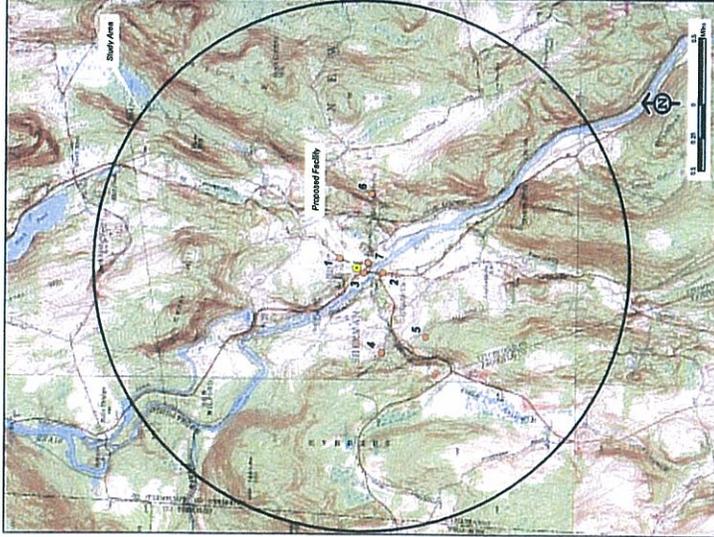
Monopine installation



PHOTO TAKEN FROM FRONT OF THE MOUNTAIN ROAD AT EXISTING OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION RIGHT-OF-WAY, LOOKING NORTHWEST
DISTANCE FROM THE PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION TO THE PROPOSED SITE IS 0.56 MILE +/-

Photographic Documentation and Simulation View 7 Monopine

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PHOTO TAKEN FROM SOUTH KENT ROAD ADJACENT TO HOST PROPERTY, LOOKING NORTH
DISTANCE FROM THE PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION TO THE PROPOSED SITE IS 0.09 MILE +/-

