

ATTACHMENT 7



**State Historic
Preservation Office**



October 6, 2011

Ms. Lisa Isabella
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Subject: Comments on Revised Access Road for a Proposed Telecommunications Facilities west of 492 Eastford Road (Route 198) in Woodstock, Connecticut. Infinigy Proj. No. 226-064

Dear Ms. Isabella:

The State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the revised plans for the access road component of a proposed telecommunications facility to be constructed southwest of 492 Eastford Road (Route 198) in Woodstock, Connecticut. The project plans call for the construction of an approximately 3,200 foot-long gravel access road extending southwest from Eastford Road. The access road will traverse a small but steep ridge and cross one small wetland before ascending the north-facing slope of a prominence known historically as Howard Hill. The proposed tower monopole tower will be approximately 150-feet tall and will be constructed near the peak of Howard Hill at an elevation of roughly 820 feet.

SHPO previously reviewed this project, and based on the information provided to our office and the professional assessment of Heritage Consultants, LLC (Heritage) who conducted a cultural resources assessment of the project area, it was our opinion that the construction and operation of the facilities would have no adverse effect on historic properties. Subsequent to SHPO's review, a segment of the access road was realigned to avoid the septic system servicing an adjacent residential property. The revised alignment will shift the roadway approximately 20 feet to the south. It is SHPO's opinion that the revised proposal for the telecommunications facility will have no adverse effect on architectural or archaeological resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

This comment is provided in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act. For further information concerning archaeological resources, please contact Daniel Forrest, Staff Archaeologist, at (860) 256-2761 or daniel.forrest@ct.gov.
Sincerely,

David Bahlman
State Historic Preservation Officer