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Petition No. 319  
Metro Mobile CTS of New Haven, Inc.  
Beacon Falls, Connecticut  
Staff Report  
April 18, 1994

On April 14, 1994, Connecticut Siting Council (Council) members William H. Smith, Harry E. Covey, and Fred O. Cunliffe of the Council staff met with David Malko, Sandy Ranciato, and Phillip Diana of Metro Mobile CTS of New Haven, Inc. (Metro Mobile) to review Metro Mobile's petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) is required for the installation of cellular telecommunications antennas and associated equipment in Beacon Falls, Connecticut.

The proposed 100-foot by 100-foot site is within an undeveloped residentially zoned 64-acre parcel, owned by the Hamden Sand and Gravel Company, located east of State Route 8 and south of Main Street, Beacon Falls.

A 40-foot above ground level (AGL) wood pole, 16-foot by 27-foot equipment building, and security fence would be constructed at the proposed site. Four, four-foot directional antennas would be installed with center of radiation at 38-feet AGL. Metro Mobile proposes to construct a 12-foot accessway with two-foot shoulders approximately 4,400 feet over steep and rocky terrain to access this site.

The proposed installation would provide service along a six-mile portion of Route 8 that is currently lacking coverage. Also, State Routes 42, 67, 115, and 313 in the Seymour and Beacon Falls area would benefit.

While Metro Mobile contends that no substantial adverse environmental effect would be caused by the visibility of a lower tower structure, the environmental effects of constructing an access road and drainage 4,400 feet along a steep slope is of concern.

Also, the 64-acre parcel is zoned residential and a tower structure may not be permitted under the Town of Beacon Falls Zoning Regulations.

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