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### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

September 22, 2020

TO: Service List, dated September 3, 2020

FROM: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

RE: **DOCKET NO. 493** – Global Signal Acquisitions IV LLC and Crown Castle Towers 06-02 LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located off Lakeview Street, East Hampton, Connecticut.

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Comments have been received from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, dated September 21, 2020. A copy of the comments is attached for your review.

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c: Council Members



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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September 21, 2020

Ms. Melanie Bachman  
Acting Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council  
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Dear Ms. Bachman:

Subject: Docket 493  
Wireless Telecommunication Tower  
8 ½ Lakeview Street  
City of East Hampton

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has reviewed the above-mentioned Docket and offers the following comments.

The proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility main access drive is on State Route 66 (East High Street) which indicates a State ROW encroachment and therefore will require an encroachment permit.

The District 2 Permit Office will need to review three complete sets of construction plans which show all work abutting the state highway right of way, all site work, utility work in State ROW and any required easements and standard details for highway construction prior to issuing the encroachment permit.

According to **Attachment 1 subsection III Facilities E. Clearing & Fill Requirements**, the total area of disturbance necessary to construct the proposed telecommunication facility and access driveway is approximately 1.5 acres.

- Will the proposed project require an application submission to DEEP-**General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities** or will the proposed project be exempt under (d) Small Construction in conformance to the 2004 Connecticut Stormwater Quality Manual?

It is recommended that the applicant provide the pertinent information/plan(s) details to ensure compliance to the aforementioned CT standards.

Finally, the telecommunication facility as proposed does not tie into CTDOT drainage nor impacts any known CTDOT wetland creation sites.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Chris Brochu at [Chris.Brochu@ct.gov](mailto:Chris.Brochu@ct.gov) or Raquel N. Ocasio at [raquel.ocasio@ct.gov](mailto:raquel.ocasio@ct.gov).

Very truly yours,

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### Screening Checklist

#### Connecticut Department of Transportation

#### Potential Transportation Infrastructure Impacts

#### Connecticut Siting Council Docket # 493

#### Location: Lakeview Street , East Hampton

1. Is the proposed facility abutting –the-right of way of a State maintained highway?

No

Yes – Specify the location and show location on a detail site plan.

2. Is the access for construction and maintenance of the proposed facility needed directly from a State maintained highway.

No

Yes – Identify specify needs and access location.

3. Is the proposed facility within or abutting a State owned Railroad Right-of-Way?

No

Yes-Please provide an area and site plan.

4. Is the proposed facility within a two mile radius of any lands classified as preserved scenic land in accordance with CGS Section 13a-85a, " Acquisition of land adjacent to state highways for preservation and enhancement of scenic beauty and development of rest and recreation areas", or any designated scenic road in accordance with CGS Section 13b-31c, "Designation of scenic roads"?

No

Yes

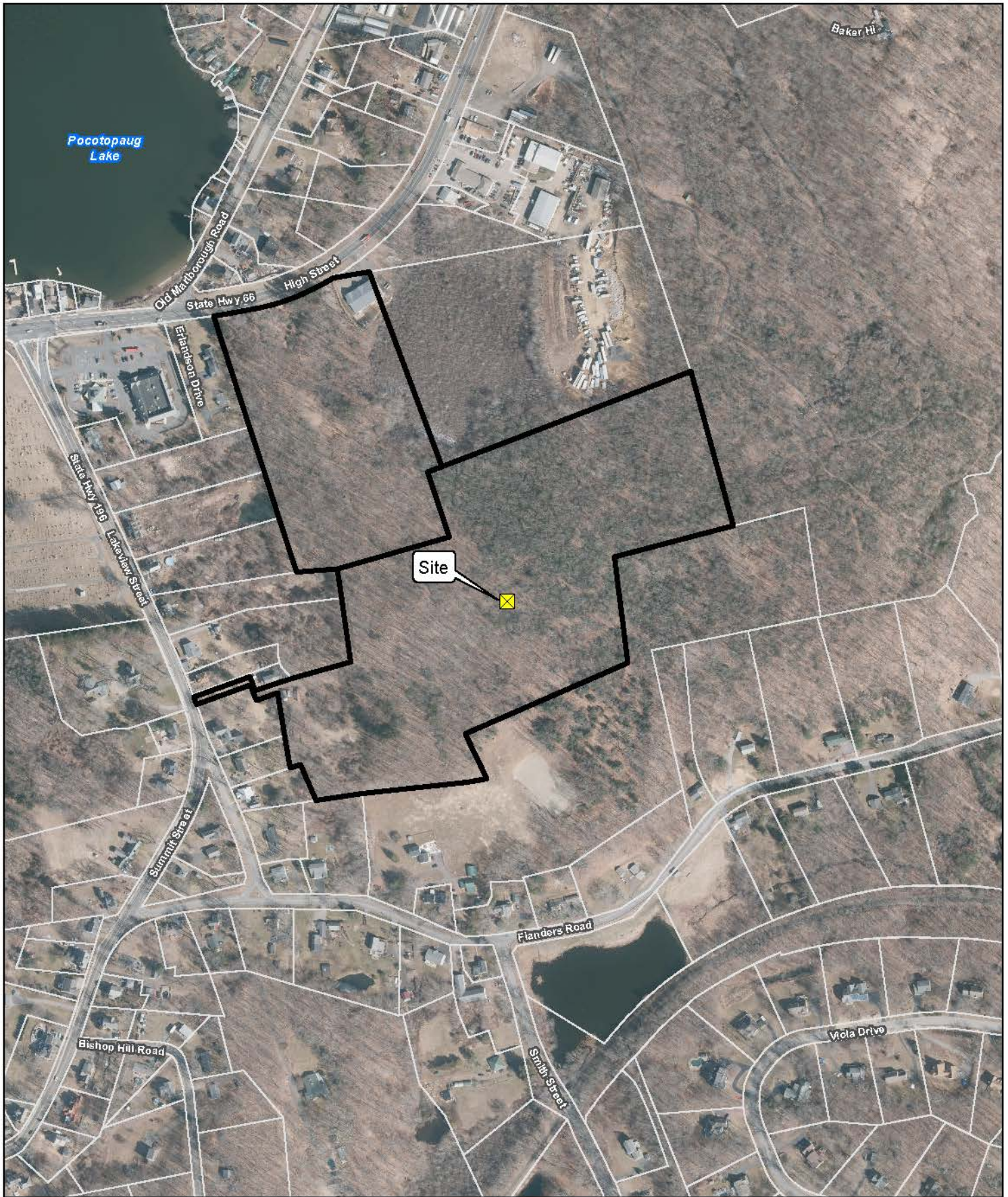
## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Global Signal Acquisitions IV LLC and Crown Castle Towers 06-02 LLC (“Crown” or “Applicant”), proposes to construct a telecommunications tower and related improvements (the “East Hampton Relo Facility”) in the northerly portion of an approximately 17.37-acre parcel off Lakeview Street in East Hampton, Connecticut (the “Property”). The Property is owned by Richard Anderson. The East Hampton Relo Facility will replace the existing Crown tower at 94 East High Street which will need to be relocated when the existing ground lease for this tower site expires.<sup>1</sup> The replacement facility will continue to be shared by Sprint, Verizon Wireless, AT&T and T-Mobile (collectively, the “Wireless Carriers”). The existing tower will be removed as a part of the tower relocation project.

Crown plans to construct a 250-foot monopole tower at the Property. The proposed East Hampton Relo Facility would be shared by Sprint at the 246-foot level; Verizon at the 234-foot level, AT&T at the 222-foot level and T-Mobile at the 210-foot level on the replacement tower. Equipment associated with the Wireless Carriers facilities will be located concrete pads near the base of the tower, within a fenced facility compound. Vehicular and utility access to the tower site would extend from the East High Street over a new gravel driveway extending through an adjacent parcel owned by Crown’s landlord, a distance of approximately 1,366 feet to the compound.

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<sup>1</sup> Crown acquired the 94 East High Street tower from Sprint. The current ground lease for Crown’s East High Street tower site is due to expire in June of 2021. Crown has been engaged in negotiations with the landowner at 94 East High Street for the last 18 months. The parties, however, have been unable to finalize an agreement to extend the term of the existing lease. To avoid the disruption of service to Crown’s tenants on the East High Street tower, Crown had no choice but to pursue an alternative tower location and to have that new tower approved and constructed prior to the expiration of the existing tower lease.



**Legend**

-  Site
-  Subject Property
-  Approximate Parcel Boundary (CTDEEP)

*Map Notes:*  
 Base Map Source: CTECO 2019 Imagery  
 Map Scale: 1 inch = 400 feet  
 Map Date: June 2020



**Site Location Map**

**Proposed Wireless  
 Telecommunications Facility**  
 Site Number 876352  
 8 1/2 Lakeview Street  
 East Hampton, Connecticut

