

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL**

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF OPTASITE TOWERS LLC
AND OMNIPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR
THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND
OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS
FACILITY AT 93 LAKE STREET
MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT

DOCKET NO. 351

Date: JANUARY 22, 2008

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF BENJAMIN RIEGER

Q1. Please state your name and position.

A. My name is Benjamin Rieger and I am Project Manager for Kleinfelder, Inc. ("Kleinfelder"). Kleinfelder is a leading professional services firm in natural and developed environments. Kleinfelder is located at 99 Lamberton Road, Suite 201, Windsor, Connecticut.

Q2. Please state your qualifications.

A. I have a bachelor's degree in Biology from Houghton College and a Master's Degree in Water and Wetland Resources from the State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry. I have more than 10 years of experience in the environmental planning, permitting and site assessment field. I have conducted numerous ecological, wetlands and environmental assessments and managed remediation of the same.

Q3. Please describe your involvement in this matter.

A. Kleinfelder was retained by Optasite Towers LLC ("Optasite") to review environmental resource information under the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA").

Q4. Please describe the results of the NEPA conducted by Kleinfelder.

A. At the request of Optasite, Kleinfelder commenced a NEPA screen to determine if the proposed Facility falls under any listed categories of Section 1.1307 under NEPA. Based upon Kleinfelder's review, the proposed Facility does not fall under any listed categories of Section 1.1307. In addition, Kleinfelder corresponded with numerous agencies including the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP"), the United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism, Historic Preservation & Museum Division ("SHPO"), among others. Both DEP and SHPO have responded and confirmed that the proposed Facility will have no effect on any endangered, listed or threatened species or on any historic resources. Based upon the NEPA screen and Kleinfelder's in-field review of the Site, the Site will be categorically excluded from any requirement for further environmental review by the FCC in accordance with NEPA and no permit is required by that agency prior to construction of the proposed Facility.

1/22/08
Date


Benjamin Rieger

Subscribed and sworn before me this 22 day of January, 2008.

By: 
Notary Expires: 10/31/11

