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April 25, 2008

TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 358** – MCF Communications bg, Inc. and Cellico Partnership
d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental
Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation
of a telecommunications facility at one of two locations located at 347 Riverside
Drive (Route 12)- Site A, and 407 Riverside Drive (Route 12)- Site B,
Thompson, Connecticut.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Council's notice of public hearing.

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Enclosure (1)

c: Secretary of the State
Robert L. Marconi, Assistant Attorney General
Parties and Intervenors
Application Service Recipients
Ginger Teubner, DPUC



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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of General Statutes § 16-50m and Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, beginning at 3:00 p.m., and continued at 7:00 p.m., at the Merrill Seney Community Room, Thompson Town Hall, 815 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale, Connecticut and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on an application from MCF Communications bg, Inc. and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at one of two locations located at 347 Riverside Drive (Route 12) - Site A, and 407 Riverside Drive (Route 12) - Site B, Thompson, Connecticut.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear evidence on the applicant's contentions that the public need for the facility outweighs any adverse environmental effects that would result from the construction, operation, or maintenance of a tower, ground equipment, and access road. The 3:00 p.m. hearing session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. The applicant will be allowed a final rebuttal. Briefs will be entertained after the close of the last hearing session. The 7:00 p.m. hearing session will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. Cross-examination of parties and intervenors will resume, if necessary, after all statements have been heard.

The Council will conduct a public field review of the proposed sites on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The applicant will fly balloons during the field review to simulate the heights of the proposed facilities.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, General Statutes § 16-50g, et seq., and Sections 16-50j-1 through 16-50v-1a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Council will hold a pre-hearing conference on procedural matters on Thursday, May 22, 2008, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Council's office, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by June 3, 2008. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.

Individuals are encouraged to participate through their elected officials, and other party/intervenor groupings.

Any person seeking to be named or admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding may file a written request to be so designated at the office of the Connecticut Siting Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051, on or before June 3, 2008.



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Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the hearing.

Any person who is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding may file a written statement with the Council at the hearing or any time up to 30 days thereafter. Such statements will become part of the record. No written statement or any other material, evidence, or other information will be accepted from any person not a party or intervenor to the proceeding after 30 days following the close of the hearing, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing session(s) will be made and deposited with the Town Clerk's Office of the Thompson Town Hall for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by May 27, 2008.

The applicant of this facility is represented by the following:

Applicant

MCF Communications bg, Inc. and Celco
Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

Its Representative

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
Robinson & Cole LLP
280 Trumbull Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103-3597

Brad Gannon
MCF Communications bg, Inc.
733 Turnpike Street, Suite 105
North Andover, MA 01845

Sandy Carter, Regulatory Manager
Verizon Wireless
99 East River Drive
East Hartford, CT 06108

A copy of the application is available for review at the Council's office during office hours at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, (860) 827-2935. The Council has assigned this application docket no. 358.

April 25, 2008

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LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS
SERVICE LIST

Status Granted	Status Holder (name, address & phone number)	Representative (name, address & phone number)
Applicant	MCF Communications bg, Inc. and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless	Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq. Robinson & Cole LLP 280 Trumbull Street Hartford, Connecticut 06103-3597 (860) 275-8200 Brad Gannon MCF Communications bg, Inc. 733 Turnpike Street, Suite 105 North Andover, MA 01845 Sandy Carter, Regulatory Manager Verizon Wireless 99 East River Drive East Hartford, CT 06108
Intervenor (Approved on 04/24/08)	Thompson Hills West Condominium Association	Richard W. Thunberg Jr. Board President Thompson Hills West Condominium Association Board of Trustee's 13 Westside Drive, Suite 92 North Grosvenordale, CT 06255



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Ruth Girolomo
Post Reporting Service, Inc.
2015 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06514

RE: **DOCKET NO. 358** – MCF Communications bg, Inc. and Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at one of two locations located at 347 Riverside Drive (Route 12)- Site A, and 407 Riverside Drive (Route 12)- Site B, Thompson, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Girolomo:

Your attendance will be required at a hearing of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) regarding the subject docket on:

Tuesday, June 10, 2008
3- 5:00 p.m/ 7:00pm to conclusion
Merrill Seney Community Room, Thompson Town Hall
815 Riverside Drive
North Grosvenordale, CT 06255

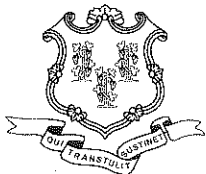
The Council will require delivery of the complete transcript, an original and one copy, within one week of the hearing. I am enclosing a copy of the application filing and our hearing notice for your convenience. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Very truly yours,

Jessica Brito
Office Assistant

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Joseph Reese
Tech Theatrical Services, LLC
98 Knight Street
Watertown, CT 06795

RE: **DOCKET NO. 358** – MCF Communications bg, Inc. and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at one of two locations located at 347 Riverside Drive (Route 12)- Site A, and 407 Riverside Drive (Route 12)- Site B, Thompson, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Reese:

Your attendance will be required at a hearing of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) regarding the subject docket on:

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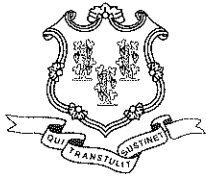
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TO: Christopher B. Fisher, Esq.
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Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LP

H. Karina Fournier
T-Mobile

Michele G. Briggs
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

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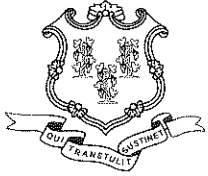
The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has received an application for a proposed telecommunications facility in Thompson.

If you would like to participate in this proceeding, your response by or before June 3, 2008, will be appreciated. Moreover, in furtherance of the spirit of C.G.S. 16-50aa, we ask that each carrier affirmatively state whether that carrier would likely seek to be located on this proposed facility any time within the foreseeable future.

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TO: Classified/Legal Supervisor
358080610
Norwich Bulletin (Daily)
66 Franklin Street
Norwich, CT 06360

FROM: Jessica Brito, Office Assistant 

RE: **DOCKET NO. 358** – MCF Communications bg, Inc. and Celco Partnership
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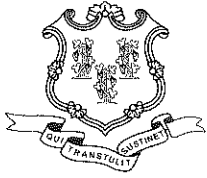
Please publish the attached legal notice for one day on the first day possible from receipt of this notice, except on Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50m(c), the general notice to be public shall be published in its entirety in not less than **TEN POINT BOLDFACE TYPE**. If you have any questions concerning the ten point type, please contact me. If your newspaper does not have ten point type, please so state and also state the size type actually used in the legal notice in your affidavit.

Please send affidavit of publication and invoice to: Connecticut Siting Council
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New Britain, CT 06051

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Council on Environmental Quality

Commissioner Donald W. Downes, Chairman
Department of Public Utility Control

Robert Genuario, Secretary
Office of Policy and Management

Commissioner Joan McDonald
Department of Economic and Community Development

Arthur W. Gruhn, P.E.
Chief Engineer, Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations
Department of Transportation

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Thompson, Connecticut.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50j(h), the Connecticut Siting Council hereby solicits your
written comments and consultation. Your response by or before June 3, 2008, will be appreciated.

A copy of the application with location maps has previously been provided to you, pursuant to
General Statutes § 16-50l.

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Screening Checklist
Connecticut Department of Transportation
Potential Transportation Infrastructure Impacts
Connecticut Siting Council Docket# 358
Location: Thompson Town Hall, 347 Riverside Drive (Site A),
North Grosvenordale, CT 06255

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

No

Yes – The Site is adjacent to Route 12 (Riverside Drive).

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

No

Yes – Access to the site would be via Route 12 (Riverside Drive).

3. Does the proposed construction or maintenance of the proposed facility impact any licensed aviation facility (L.A.F.)? Definition: L.A.F. is a facility licensed to operate by DOT, airport, heliport or parachute coop area.

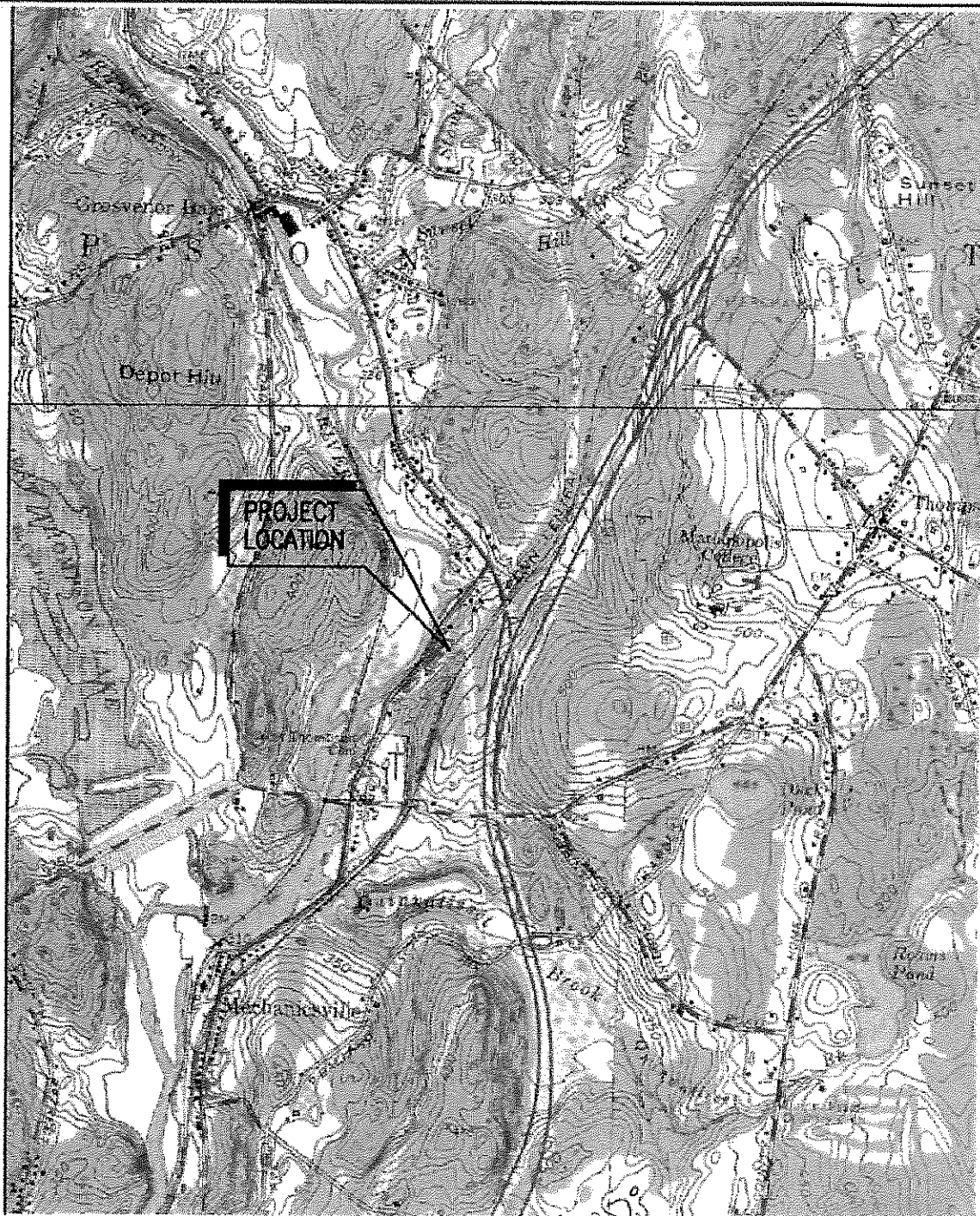
No

Yes

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

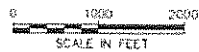
No

Yes – A railroad is east of the proposed site.



1 USGS TOPO MAP: PUTNAM 41071-H8

SCALE: 1" = 2000'



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Site A

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CH&A PROJ. NO. - 14857-1007

MCF Communications, Inc.

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NORTH ANDOVER, MA 01645
OFFICE: (978) 667-2536
FAX: (978) 258-6850

SITE NAME:
THOMPSON 98 A
SITE ADDRESS:
347 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
NORTH GROSVENORDALE, CT
06255
WINDHAM COUNTY

SHEET TITLE:
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Screening Checklist
Connecticut Department of Transportation
Potential Transportation Infrastructure Impacts
Connecticut Siting Council Docket# 358
Location: Thompson Town Hall, 407 Riverside Drive (Site B),
North Grosvenordale, CT 06255

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

No

Yes – The Site is adjacent to Route 12 (Riverside Drive).

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

No

Yes – Access to the site would be via Route 12 (Riverside Drive).

7. Does the proposed construction or maintenance of the proposed facility impact any licensed aviation facility (L.A.F.)? Definition: L.A.F. is a facility licensed to operate by DOT, airport, heliport or parachute coop area.

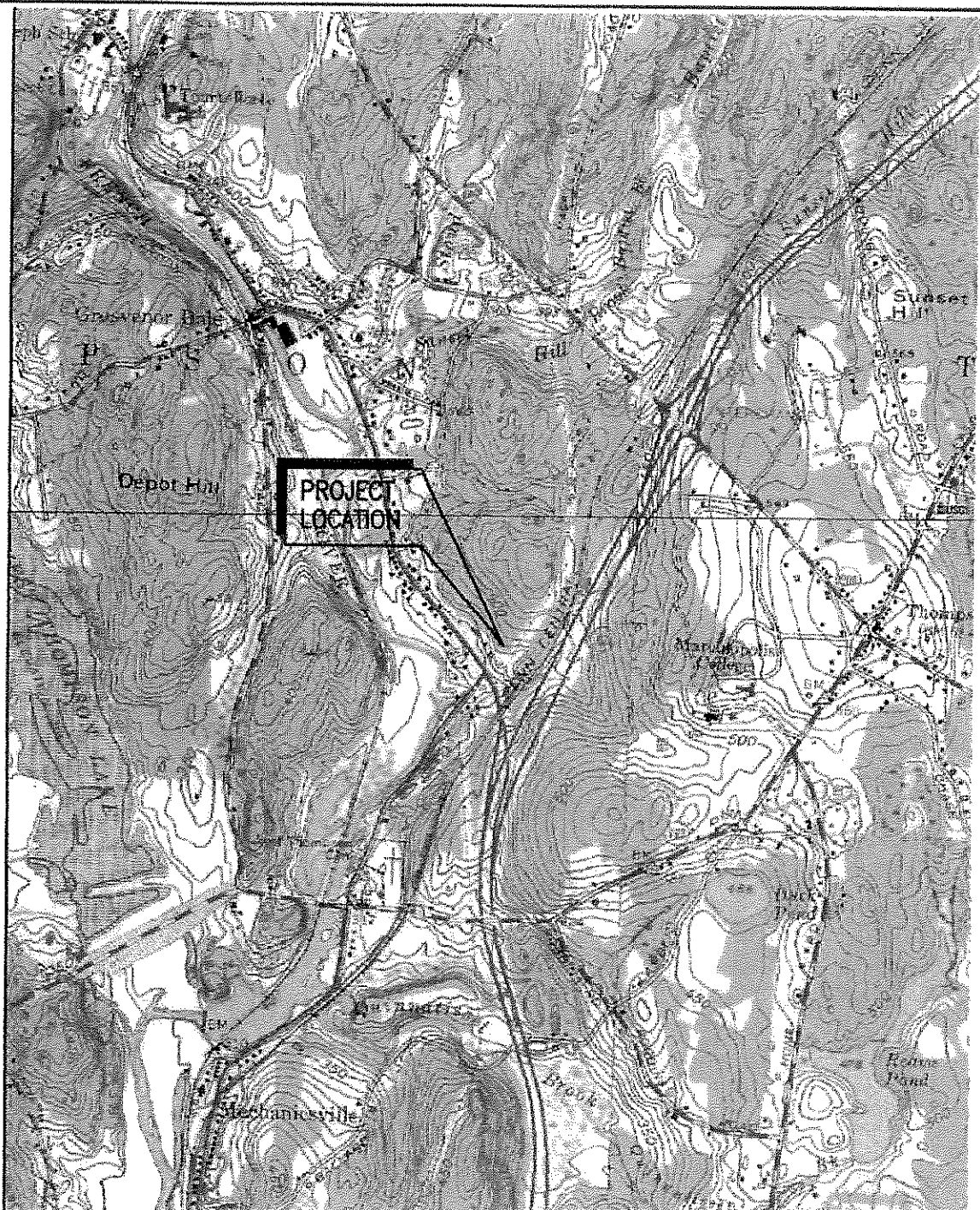
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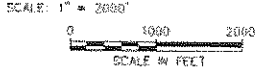
8. Is the proposed facility within or abutting a State owned Railroad Right-of-Way?

No

Yes



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Site B

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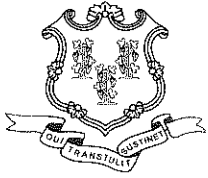
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 THOMPSON 98 B

SITE ADDRESS:
 407 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
 NORTH GROSVENORDALE, CT
 06255
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Betty Vriga
Town Clerk
Thompson Town Hall
815 Riverside Drive
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Dear Ms. Vriga:

Confirming our telephone conversation of March 26, 2008, I appreciate the reservation of the Merrill Seney Community Room at the Thompson Town Hall for a public hearing on June 10, 2008 from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

For your information, I have attached a general plan for seating arrangements.

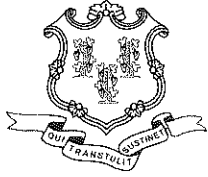
If any other information is needed, please contact me at my office. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Jessica Brito
Office Assistant

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The Honorable Larry Groh
First Selectman
Town of Thompson
Town Office Building
815 Riverside Drive
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Dear Mr. Groh:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has scheduled a public hearing in your town in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. I am writing to invite you to participate in this hearing.

The Council fully understands that municipal input and guidance is absolutely necessary to achieve a thoughtful and balanced decision in matters such as this. Accordingly, I am extending to you my personal invitation to participate in the hearing that is scheduled on June 10, 2008.

Please be advised that the Council's processes enable the affected municipal governments to engage in meaningful discourse and, if they choose, to even assert a legal role in the proceedings of applications that come before the Council. Municipalities are afforded a right of pre-filed technical information and consultation with applicants 60 days before an application is filed with the Council. During this period the municipality may conduct public hearings and meetings, as it deems necessary. Both the municipal and applicant filings become part of the Council's record.

Once an application is filed with the Council at least one public hearing is held in the affected community as well as a public inspection of the proposed sites. Your participation at such hearing may take many forms; municipal officials may make opening statements to the Council, present written documents, or may seek Party or Intervenor Status and put on a case with witnesses.

Our staff is available to assist you in understanding our process and your options. If you have questions, please contact Executive Director S. Derek Phelps (860 827-2935). In the event you have legal questions, please contact our Assistant Attorney General Robert Marconi (860 827-2682).

The Council weighs many issues before rendering its decisions. It is important that we know the Town's views as part of that decision making process. We hope you will take part in our hearing process.

Sincerely,

Daniel F. Caruso
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Seating Arrangements:

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Council Table
(seating for twelve)
(x = chairs)

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Table for
Court Reporter
(x = chairs)

Applicant Table
(x = chairs)

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Party Table
(seating for three)
(x = chairs)

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Podium for public

SEATING FOR PUBLIC
(chairs facing Council table)