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April 16, 2008

Richard J. Johnson Town Manager Town of Glastonbury P.O. Box 6523 Glastonbury, CT 06033-6523

RE:

DOCKET NO. 359 - Optasite Towers LLC and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located 58 Montano Road/618 Neipsic Road, Glastonbury, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We are in receipt of your letter of April 14, 2008, requesting Party status for the Town of Glastonbury in Docket No. 359.

Your request will be placed on the next meeting agenda, a copy of which will be sent to you. Your attendance is welcome, but is not required. You will be notified of the Council's determination immediately thereafter.

Copies of the application are available at the Glatonbury Town Hall. All documents filed to date are available at the Council's office or on our website.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

8. Derek Phelps

Executive Director

SDP/cm

c: Parties and Intervenors







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CONNECTION STANCE

Mr. S. Derek Phelps Executive Director State of Connecticut Siting Council Ten Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re:

Docket No. 359 – Optasite Towers, LLC and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. – Telecommunications Facility – 58 Montano Road/618 Neipsic Road, Glastonbury, CT

Dear Mr. Phelps:

Thank you for your March 19th letter to Glastonbury Council Chair, Susan Karp, received at my office on March 24th. The letter is related to the application for a Certificate of Environmental Capability for proposed construction, maintenance and operation of telecommunications facilities at 58 Montano Road and 618 Neipsic Road in Glastonbury, Docket No. 359.

The Town Council formally received your letter at its meeting of Tuesday, April 8th and also received preliminary public comment at that time. I was asked to write to the Siting Council to confirm Glastonbury's interest in this proposal and formally request the following:

- 1. The Town of Glastonbury wishes to be granted party status with respect to this application.
- 2. That the Siting Council schedule a balloon float before the trees are in leaf this spring. I understand a balloon float was conducted in February; however, nearby residents were not aware and, therefore, not able to actively participate. I would ask for advance notice of the balloon float so that concerned residents and Town representatives can view.
- 3. The proposed telecommunication tower locations are generally situated in areas of important environmental protection and preservation. Both locations should be thoroughly considered with respect to environmental impact and the comparability of the sites from an environmental perspective fully reviewed.

The preceding is based on initial review and I expect further questions and concerns to be expressed by nearby residents and the Town. The Town and residents commenting to date respectfully request that the process allow the Town and other interested parties to be fully engaged in the review process.

Many thanks for the opportunity to comment in this important matter.

Sincerely

Richard J. Johnson Town Manager

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