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DATE:

May 8, 2008

TO:

Council Members

FROM:

S. Derek Phelps, Executive Direct

RE:

DOCKET NO. 359 - Optacite Tower 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 at 58 Montano Road or 618 Neipsic Road, Glastonbury, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Optasite Towers LLC and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment at one of two locations in the Town of Glastonbury, Connecticut.

The applicants' Site A is located on a 1.3 acre property at 58 Montano Road, which is near the southbound lanes of Route 2. At this location, the applicants would erect at 120-foot steel monopole within a 50-foot by 50-foot compound. Omnipoint would install antennas at a centerline height of 117 feet.

The applicants' Site B is located on a 12.15 acre property at 618 Neipsic Road in Glastonbury, which is near the northbound lanes of Route 2. At this location, the applicants would erect a 130-foot steel monopole within a 70-foot by 70-foot compound. Omnipoint would install antennas at a centerline height of 127 feet.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed prime and alternate site, costs, a description of the environmental effects of the proposed construction, and health and safety information. The application meets statutory technical requirements for processing the application. Council staff believes additional information can be obtained through prehearing interrogatories. This project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

The applicant has stated that all service and filing requirements pursuant to General Statutes § 16-501 (b) have been fulfilled. The applicant stated that notice to the general public was published in the <u>Hartford Courant</u> and the Manchester Journal-Inquirer.



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IV. Procedural

The Council must schedule a hearing for the proceeding between 30 and 150 days after receipt of an application. The Council must also appoint a custodian of the docket and designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. Staff recommends designating Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Glastonbury on June 19, 2008, and depositing the transcript in the Glastonbury Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	03/18/08
Completeness review	04/10/08
Subcommittee meeting	04/10/08
Pre-hearing Questions	
Set-One Filed	04/11/08
Set-One responses due	04/30/08
Set-Two Filed	05/02/08
Set-Two responses due	05/22/08
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	05/22/08
Pre-filed testimony due	06/12/08
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	06/12/08
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	06/19/08
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	06/19/08
Close of Record	07/21/08
Draft Findings of Fact	07/25/08
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	08/18/08
Deadline for Decision	09/15/08
180-day extension date	03/13/09

Siting Analyst: David Martin