SITE A



STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Bureau of Natural Resources Wildlife Division 79 Elm Street, 6th Floor Hartford, CT 06106 Natural Diversity Data Base

August 30, 2007

Ms. Ashley Hawes Kleinfelder 99 Lamberton Road, Suite 201 Windsor, CT 06095

re: Proposed Optasite Towers, LLC Telecommunications Facility at 58 Montano Road in Glastonbury, Connecticut

Dear Ms. Hawes:

I have reviewed Natural Diversity Data Base maps and files regarding the area delineated on the map you provided for the proposed telecommunication facility for Optasite Towers LLC at 58 Montano Road in Glastonbury, Connecticut. According to our information there are no extant populations of State Endangered, Threatened or State Special Concern species that occur at this project site.

Natural Diversity Data Base information includes all information regarding critical biological resources available to us at the time of the request. This information is a compilation of data collected over the years by the Department's Geological and Natural History Survey and cooperating units of DEP, private conservation groups and the scientific community. This information is not necessarily the result of comprehensive or site-specific field investigations. Consultations with the Data Base should not be substitutes for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. Current research projects and new contributors continue to identify additional populations of species and locations of habitats of concern, as well as, enhance existing data. Such new information is incorporated into the Data Base as it becomes available.

Please contact me if you have further questions at 424-3592. Thank you for consulting the Natural Diversity Data Base. Also be advised that this is a preliminary review and not a final determination. A more detailed review may be conducted as part of any subsequent environmental permit applications submitted to DEP for the proposed site.

Sincerely.

Dawn M. McKay Biologist/Environmental Analyst

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Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism

December 3, 2007

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Subject:

Telecommunications Facilities

58 Montano Road Glastonbury, CT

Project No. 88705 - Optatsite Towers LLC

Dear Ms. Hawes:

The State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the above-named project. This office expects that the proposed undertaking will have <u>no effect</u> on historic, architectural, or archaeological resources listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

This office appreciates the opportunity to have reviewed and commented upon the proposed undertaking.

This comment is provided in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act and the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act.

For further information, please contact Dr. David A. Poirier, Staff Archaeologist.

Sincerely,

Karen Senich

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

SITE B



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

WILDLIFE DIVISION



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October 10, 2007

Ms. Nicole Dentamaro Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. 54 Tuttle Place Middletown, CT 06457-1847

Re: Proposed cell tower and associated facilities at 497A Wickham Road in Glastonbury, Connecticut

Dear Ms. Dentamaro:

I apologize for the confusion with regard to the letter dated 10/3/07 that was sent to you referencing the proposed cell tower in Litchfield. Although the information in the body of the letter was correct, that reference should have indicated the proposed cell tower at 497A Wickham Road in Glastonbury. Please replace the 10/3/07 letter with this version.

Materials pertaining to the above project were forwarded to me for review by the DEP Natural Diversity Database (NDDB) on 9/14/07. The NDDB indicated that the state-species of special concern brown thasher (*Toxostoma rufum*) occurs in the vicinity of proposed "Candidate B" site.

The brown thrasher nests in brushy second-growth tangles, briers and dense thickets. Its breeding season is approximately from April through August. It is during this time that it is most susceptible to disturbance in its feeding and nesting habitat. Minimizing impacts to shrubby habitats during this time period will likewise minimize impacts to this species. From the description you provided of the primary vegetation type on-site (wooded), this project is unlikely to have a direct negative impact to this state-listed species.

It appears from the materials I received that the height and style of the proposed tower are consistent with current recommendations for minimizing bird strikes. Tower lighting and lighting of the equipment shelter and metering areas should be minimized to the greatest extent possible.

The Wildlife Division has not made an on-site inspection of the project area. Consultation with this office should not be substituted for site-specific surveys that may be required for environmental assessments. This is a preliminary site review and is not a final determination. A more detailed review may be conducted as part of any subsequent environmental permit applications submitted to the DEP for the proposed site. Please be advised that should state permits be required or should state involvement occur in some other fashion, specific restrictions or conditions relating to the species discussed above may apply. In this situation, additional evaluation of the proposal by the DEP Wildlife Division should be requested and species-specific surveys may be required.

Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions regarding brown thrashers. Again, please accept my apologies for any confusion arising from my previous correspondence.

Sincerely,

Jenny Dickson Wildlife Biologist

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November 5, 2007

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Candidate A – 58 Montano Road (TCNS #30364) Candidate B – 497A Wickham Road (TCNS #30363)

Glastonbury, CT

Optasite #CT-999-0101

Dear Ms. Dentamaro:

The State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the above-named projects. This office expects that the proposed undertakings will have <u>no effect</u> on historic, architectural, or archaeological resources associated with this significant cultural resource.

This office appreciates the opportunity to have reviewed and commented upon the proposed undertakings.

This comment is provided in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act and the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act.

For further information, please contact Dr. David A. Poirier, Staff Archaeologist.

Sincerely,

Karen Senich

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Ms. Catherine Labadia/HC

