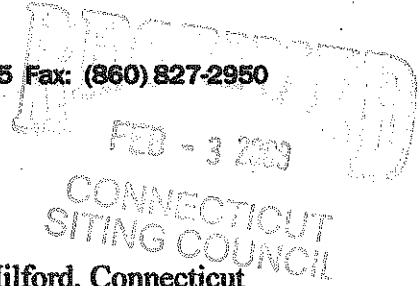




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**CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL
PARTY STATUS REQUEST FORM**



Docket Petition No. 372

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1. Manner in which petitioner claims to be substantially and specifically affected:

We, Henry and Nancy Rotman, owned a 3+ acre parcel of farm land abutting the YMCA until December of 2006. We still live within 640 feet of the proposed tower. We have been supporters of the YMCA since Harold Woodruff asked us to canvass the surrounding neighbors to see if his donating this parcel, where the tower is now proposed, would be acceptable to the neighbors (from Gibson Road, along Orange Avenue to Woodruff Road, then back along Burnt Pains Road to Marlboro Road, and back to Orange Avenue). This effort was successful and I went on to serve on the Building Committee. We have been supporters there ever since.

2. Contention of the petitioner:

As early participants in the "Y", we have strived to be supportive of both the "Y" and the surrounding neighbors so that a good relationship is maintained between the "Y" and its neighbors. Originally, there were many agreeable constraints on the facility when it was developed, and this continued to be true even after the "Y" was in operation with the pool. For a period of time, we even continued to mow hay on their property and even grazed a few cows on the back section. We still stress this neighborly cooperation, and continue to work with the "Y" leadership as they continue to operate within this one acre residential zone and are good neighbors in so many ways.

3. Relief sought by the petitioner:

We would like to see this tower installation blend pleasantly into this one acre residentially zoned neighborhood, where many area residents will see it and hope they will comment favorably. This tower may affect the way the neighbors feel about the "Y" with its sparkling new facility that serves Milford and the surrounding towns. We feel that there are several ways to soften the visual impact of a tower, and the effect on the wetlands and animal life, as the proposed location is on the down hill side of a long slope into adjacent wetlands.

4. Statutory or other authority therefore; and

We read, on page 7 of the first section "Because the FCC and the United States Congress have determined that there is a pressing public need for high-quality wireless telecommunications service nationwide, the federal government has preempted the determination of public need by states and municipalities, including the Council, with respect to public need for the service to be provided by the proposed facility" etc.

This may be the basic guideline, but as with most change, We feel that there is a proper and acceptable way to do this to benefit the telecom industry, the "Y", the neighbors and especially those that are, or might have been --- with the "as proposed" tower. As shown, it has a negative visual impact (in Section 10, Attachment A, "Photo taken from Orange Avenue looking at the 'YMCA' looking east).

5. Nature of evidence that the petitioner intends to present:


We think the pictures of the bare proposed tower immediately point out the need to do a much better concealment of this installation, as it certainly falls in the "negative impact" comment column for the "YMCA" as it is portrayed. This alone could affect the enticement of new members to this facility. We also question some of the distances from the tower to neighboring residential properties, as well as with some comments made, that are not complimentary to the surrounding land and the neighboring buildings.

6. Other comments for the siting council's consideration:

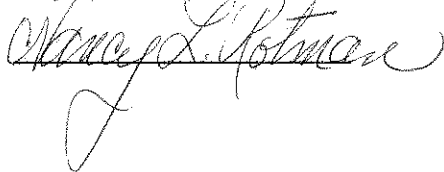
A- As an engineer in the power generating province, who has been responsible for the installation of some standby generators of from five to 1250 KW, I would like to see a generator installed, with the best appurtenances. This could include a special muffler and enclosures for sound control as well as, possibly, a catalytic converter. The best fuel storage system is important especially due to the wetlands near by.

B- Recently, many thousands of dollars was spent to rework these adjacent wetlands, following a settlement to build a new shopping center on the site of the old Wayside Furniture Building along the BPR.

Copies of this request shall be mailed to all participants at least five (5) business days before the date of the hearing.

Signed 

Date: 1 FEB 2009



Feb. 4, 2009