

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL**

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF SBA TOWERS II, LLC
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR
THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND
OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS
FACILITY AT 12 BURR ROAD,
BLOOMFIELD, CONNECTICUT

DOCKET NO. 379

Date: May 18, 2009

APPLICANT'S RESPONSES
TO FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES FROM CONNECTICUT SITING
COUNCIL

Applicant SBA Towers II, LLC ("SBA") hereby submits the following responses to the Siting Council's first set of pre-hearing interrogatories:

Q1. How many of the return receipts for the notices sent to abutting landowners did SBA receive? If some return receipts were not received, did SBA make other attempts to notify the landowners? If yes, explain.

A1. SBA has received return receipts from all abutting property owners.

Q2. To what engineering standard would the proposed tower be built? What would be the dimensions of the tower (diameter of tower at base; diameter of tower at top)?

A2. The tower will be designed according to ANSI/TIA-222-G, Structural Standards for Steel Antenna Towers and Antenna Supporting Structures (EIA) in accordance with the International Building Code. The diameter at the bottom will be approximately 60 inches and the diameter at the top will be approximately 20". Final tower diameters will be determined upon completion of the tower design.

Q3. How much cut and fill would be required to develop the proposed site?

A3. Approximately 697 cubic yards of cutting is required to remove the existing dirt mound in the vicinity of the compound. Approximately 38 cubic yards of fill is required to level the northeast side of the compound.

Q4. Would any blasting be required to develop the site?

A4. The presence of ledge will be confirmed upon completion of a geotechnical investigation. If ledge is encountered, chipping is preferred to blasting.

Q5. What accounts for the relatively long interval between the date of SBA's first contact with Town of Bloomfield officials in the spring of 2006 and its application submittal to the Siting Council (March 16, 2009)?

A5. As explained in the application, SBA (then Optasite) filed its technical report with the Town of Bloomfield in the spring of 2006. During the original consultation, the Town Planner recommended that SBA approach the owners of the Auer Farm property to discuss the possibility of locating the proposed Facility on that property. SBA did so through the Auer Farm board of directors, which took several months. In addition, as noted in the application, SBA originally received indications from the State Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO") that the proposed Facility at 12 Burr Road would have an adverse effect on historic resources in the area. SBA re-designed the proposed Facility and worked with the SHPO to propose a location and design that would satisfy their concerns. This included voluntarily performing a crane test for the SHPO in June, 2008.

Q6. Did SBA inform the Town of Bloomfield that it intended to submit its application in March of 2009?

A6. In September, 2008, SBA did contact the Town of Bloomfield to inform them that SBA was going to proceed in filing this application. No comments were received from the Town.

Q7. Has SBA received any written correspondence from the Town of Bloomfield indicating its interest in locating antennas on the proposed tower? If so, please provide a copy.

A7. SBA has not received any indication from the Town regarding such interest. As is its usual practice, SBA will reserve reasonable space for the Town of Bloomfield, free of charge.

Q8. When did this site search begin? Where was the site search centered? What was the extent of the search ring? Provide a map, with scale and compass, of search ring. 4/05, search ring was the Auer Farm, never had a "search ring",

A8. The site search began in April of 2005. The site search centered around the Auer Farm property but no map was provided or is available.

Q9. What prompted SBA to begin a search for a site in this area?

A9. SBA was prompted to search for a site in this area through its relationship with T-Mobile and its knowledge of the needs of other wireless carriers in this area.

Q10. Would any blasting be required to develop a facility at the proposed site?

A10. The presence of ledge will be confirmed upon completion of a geotechnical investigation. If ledge is encountered, chipping is preferred to blasting.

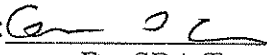
Q11. Supply a color aerial photograph of the vicinity of the proposed site.

A11. See color aerial photograph attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Q12. Describe SBA's alternate mitigation plans that address SHPO's concern over the proposed tower's impact on Auer Farm and the Southwest District School.

A12. As noted in the Application, SBA spent a great deal of time working with the SHPO to determine what impacts, if any, would be likely at these noted properties. While not required to do so, SBA performed a crane test in June, 2008 and invited members of the SHPO to view the crane test in order to render a determination of any historic impacts. In discussions with the SHPO, SBA inquired as to whether an alternative mitigation could be utilized in order to permit full antenna platforms on the proposed Facility. SBA worked with the SHPO and proposed to research and create a report concerning Beatrice Fox Auerbach and her homestead (the now Auer Farm property), which will be available at the Auer Farm property and through the SHPO website. It will include historic research and photodocumentation of the property.

Respectfully Submitted,

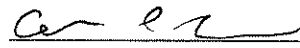
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This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing has been mailed this date to all parties and intervenors of record.

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