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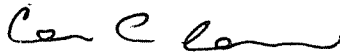
S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket 387, Barkhamsted, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Phelps:

On behalf of the applicant, SBA Towers II LLC ("SBA"), please find enclosed a copy of correspondence received from the Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") concerning the northern spring salamander. As indicated on the record in this proceeding, SBA will comply with the recommendations of DEP contained in this letter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

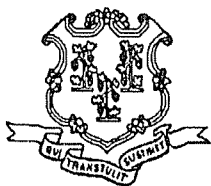
Respectfully submitted,



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December 14, 2009

Mr. Dean Gustafson
Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
54 Tuttle Place
Middletown, CT 06457

re: telecommunication tower construction (SBA Towers II, LLCCT11709-Barkhamsted) 44 Gavitt Road, Barkhamsted

Dear Mr. Gustafson:

Your letter and Dr. Michael Klemens' report was received by me on 12/11/09. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Wildlife Division concurs with Dr. Klemens' assessment that this project will not impact the state threatened species, the Northern Spring Salamander (*Gyrinophilus porphyriticus*).

Standard protocols for protection of wetlands should be followed and maintained during the course of the project. Additionally, all silt fencing should be removed after soils are stable so that reptile and amphibian movement between uplands and wetlands is not restricted. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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