

**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 44 GAVITT ROAD,
BARKHAMSTED, CONNECTICUT

DOCKET NO. 387

Date: November 30, 2009

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF RODNEY BASCOM, P.E.

Q1. Mr. Bascom, please state your name and position.

A. Rodney Bascom and I am a Partner and licensed Civil Engineer at Clough Harbour & Associates, LLP ("CHA"). CHA is located at 2139 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 212, Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

Q2. Please state your qualifications.

A. I received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Clarkson University in 1982. I am a licensed civil engineer in the State of Connecticut. I have worked in the engineering field for over 27 years and have been employed by CHA for 24 years. I have managed and assisted in the permitting of more than 1,000 wireless telecommunications facilities in New England and New York.

Q3. Please describe your involvement in this matter.

A. CHA was responsible for designing and preparing the site plans for the proposed Facility including the site access plan, the compound plan and tower elevation. In addition, CHA conducted a tree inventory of the site to determine the number of trees

with a diameter of 6 inches or larger that would need to be removed for the construction of the site access driveway and compound.

Q4. Please describe the site.

A. The site is located at 44 Gavitt Road in Barkhamsted (the "Property"). The Property is zoned in RA-2 residential zoning district and is located on Assessor's map 26, block 33, lot 15A. The Property is 36 acres in size and is currently undeveloped although the owner has done some clearing on the property. The property is owned by Karen and Richard Langer. The leased area is located in the northern portion of the Property. The Property is an ideal location for a telecommunications facility due to the topography, size and existence of mature trees and vegetation on the Property.

Q5. Please describe the access driveway.

A. The access driveway would result in minimal land disturbance since the majority of the access driveway has previously been cleared by the Property owner. The newly-constructed access driveway will be gravel and will extend a distance of 1,700 feet.

Q6. Please describe the proposed Facility.

A. The proposed Facility consists of a 170-foot monopole, associated equipment compound and access driveway. The compound area is 70 foot by 70 foot and will be fenced with an 8 foot high security fence and associated gate. The proposed Facility will accommodate antenna arrays and equipment for AT&T at the 167' centerline and Verizon Wireless at the 157' centerline. In addition, the proposed Facility is able to accommodate antenna arrays and equipment for two additional carriers as well as Barkhamsted emergency services, if requested.

Overall, the development of the access driveway and Facility will result in the removal of 25 trees with a diameter of 6" or larger.

The statements above are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

11/30/09
Date


Rodney A. Bascom

Subscribed and sworn before me this 30th day of November, 2009.

By: 
Notary EXP 1/31/2012