National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Screening Report

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CTNH802B / AMTRAK BRANFORD 2

Pleasant Point Road Branford, CT, 06405

EBI Project No. 61096154

Site Report Date: September 2, 2010





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Subject: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Screening Report

CTNH802B / Amtrak Branford 2 Pleasant Point Road, Branford, CT

EBI Project #61096154

Dear Mr. Fielder:

Attached please find our *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Screening Report*, (the *Report*) for the proposed telecommunications installation at the address noted above (the Subject Property). The purpose of this *Report* is to evaluate the above-referenced property for environmental and historical concerns specified by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in 47 CFR 1.1307, and general industry standards.

The Subject Property, known as Pleasant Point Road, consists of an approximately 92.3-acre lot that is predominantly occupied by woodlands and several existing railroad tracks. The railroad tracks are located on the western portion of the Subject Property. Surrounding properties consist primarily of undeveloped woods.

As of the date of this *Report*, T-Mobile Northeast LLC (hereinafter, T-Mobile) proposes to construct a 160-foot monopole at the Project Site. Nine antennas are proposed to be mounted at a centerline height of 157.75 feet above ground level (AGL) on the proposed monopole. The monopole and associated equipment will be located within a 50-foot by 50-foot fenced compound located within a 60-foot by 80-foot lease area. The Project Site will be accessed by a proposed 12-foot wide gravel access drive easement. A proposed culvert will also be installed along the access road for the management of on-site water due to the presence of wetlands. Utilities will follow a proposed easement running roughly along, and zigzagging across the proposed access road. The utilities will run from a proposed utility pole adjacent to the proposed tower compound, overhead via proposed additional utility poles and will connect an existing electrical and telco demarc. Underground electrical and telecommunications service will then run from the proposed adjacent utility pole, to a proposed CSC cabinet, transformer, and meter board, and then connect to the proposed equipment area.

Please find the attached National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Checklist, NEPA Summary Report, and associated documentation for the above-referenced site. Based upon the results of our assessment, it appears that the proposed installation will not adversely impact any of the criteria as outlined in 1.1307(a) items (1) through (5), and item (8). Regarding item (6), based on information reviewed by EBI, a portion of the Project Site (i.e. proposed access road) is located within a 100-year floodplain. Additionally, regarding item (7), based on the information reviewed by EBI, a portion of the Project Site (i.e. proposed access road) is located within a wetland. Therefore, EBI recommends that an Environmental Assessment (EA) be prepared and submitted to the FCC.

The *Report* was completed according to the terms and conditions authorized by you. There are no intended or unintended third party beneficiaries to this *Report*, unless specifically named. EBI is an independent contractor, not an employee of either the property owner or the project proponent, and its compensation was not based on the findings or recommendations made in the *Report* or on the closing of any business transaction. Note that the findings of this *Report* are based on the project specifications provided to EBI and described in this *Report*. In the event that the design or location of the installation changes, please contact EBI as additional review and/or consultation may be required.

Thank you for the opportunity to prepare this *Report*, and assist you with this project. Please call us if you have any questions or if we may be of further assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ms. Lauren Mehringer Author/Staff Scientist Mr. Christopher W. Baird Reviewer/NEPA Technical Director Direct# (617) 715-1846

Ms. Ashley Bonavenia Program Manager

Appendix A - NEPA Checklist

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APPENDIX A
NEPA CHECKLIST

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|--|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| EB | Site type (choose one) Raw land Tower colo Other colo Tower Replacement | CTNH: | : 802B / Amtrak Branfor | Site Ad Pleasan Branfor | t Point Road, |
| NEPA Land Us | e Screening Checkli | st | | | |
| FCC NEPA | Consulting Agency to | Check appropriate | | | |
| Category | Contact | No Adverse Impact | Potential Adverse Impact | Exempt from Review | NPA Applies |
| Designated Wilderness Areas | National Park Service, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) | | | | |
| Designated Wildlife Preserves | National Park Service, US Forest Service, BLM | | | | |
| Threatened or Endangered Species & Critical Habitats | US Fish & Wildlife Service - Field Office (USF&WS) | | | | |
| Historic Places | State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) | SHPO consultation completed | | | Collocation Agreement: applies Nationwide Agreement Exclusion applies: |
| Indian Religious Sites | American Indian Tribes, Bureau of Indian Affairs | Tribal consultation completed | | | Collocation Agreement applies: Nationwide Agreement Exclusion applies: |
| Floodplain | Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) | | | | |
| Wetlands & Surface Waterways | USF&WS NWI Maps US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) | | | | |
| | Lamenhelp | | | | |
| Signature: | | Company | : EBI Consultin | <u>g</u> | |
| Print name: | Lauren Mehringer | Date: | September 2, | 2010 | |
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APPENDIX B FCC NEPA SUMMARY REPORT

FCC NEPA Summary Report (47 CFR Subpart 1, Chapter 1, Sections 1.1301-1.1319)

| | Site type (choose one): | Site ID: | Site Address: |
|------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Raw land | CTNH802B / Amtrak Branford 2 | Pleasant Point Road, |
| | ☐Tower colo | | Branford, CT |
| CONSULTING | ☐Other colo | | |
| | Tower Replacement | | |
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1. Is the antenna structure located in an officially designated wilderness area?

According to a review of the Land Resources Map (Appendix F) and the Department of Agriculture's list of wilderness areas (http://www.wilderness.net/index.cfm?fuse=NWPS), the Project Site is not located in an officially designated wilderness area. In addition, according to EBI's review of available on-line resources, the Project Site is not located in a National Park (www.nps.gov/gis), NPS Interactive Map Center), a designated Scenic and Wild River (http://www.rivers.gov/wildriverslist.html), a land area managed by the Bureau of Land Management (www.blm.gov/nhp/facts/index.htm), or within 1 mile of a identified by National Scenic Trail as the National Park Service (http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/nts/nts_trails.html).

2. Is the antenna structure located in an officially designated wildlife preserve?

According to a review of the Land Resources Map (Appendix F), the Project Site is not located in an officially designated wildlife preserve. In addition, according to EBI's review of available on-line resources, the Project Site is not located in a US Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuge (http://www.fws.gov/refuges/refugeLocatorMaps/index.html).

3. Will the antenna structure likely affect threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitats? (Ref. 50 CFR Part 402)

EBI reviewed the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB) map (Appendix G), which represents approximate locations of endangered, threatened and special concern species and significant natural communities in Connecticut. The NDDB maps are intended to be a pre-screening tool to identify potential impacts to state-listed species. Shaded areas on the NDDB maps depict approximate locations of state and federal listed species and significant natural communities. If a project falls within a shaded area, the applicant must submit an Environmental Review Request Form, a map, and a project description to the NDDB for further review. Based on EBI's review, the Project Site is located within a shaded area on the NDDB map, and therefore further consultation is required. EBI submitted a request for review of the project to CT DEP and received a response dated August 18, 2010 which stated, "According to our information, there are no known extant populations of Federal or State Endangered, Threatened or Special Concern Species that occur at the site in question." Therefore, based on the CT DEP response (Appendix G) no further consultation is required at this time.

In addition, based on the information currently available to us, provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFW) dated January 4, 2010 and a review of the listed endangered species for Connecticut, one federally-listed endangered or threatened species was identified in Branford, Connecticut. The following table compares the species habitat and the conditions at the Project Site:

| Listing | Status | Species Habitat | Project Site | Determination of Effect |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Roseate Tern | Federally Endangered | Coastal beaches, islands, and the | Wooded area near | No Effect – Project Site not |
| | | Atlantic Ocean | an active railroad | located within close proximity |
| | | | | to coastal beaches, islands, or |
| | | | | Atlantic Ocean |

Based on the characteristics of the Project Site and vicinity, it is EBI's opinion that the proposed project will not significantly affect listed and proposed threatened and endangered species (based on data reviewed, site reconnaissance, and comparison of habitat present with habitat necessary to support species). Therefore, further consultation with the USFWS is not warranted.

Additionally based upon the proposed design (monopole tower, without guy wires) and height (under 199 feet AGL) it is unlikely that the proposed telecommunications installation would adversely impact migratory bird species.

4. Will the antenna structure affect districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, or culture that are listed, or potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)? (Ref. 36 CFR Part 800 regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act).

EBI reviewed the proposed project plans against the Exclusions of the *Nationwide Programmatic Agreement Regarding the Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Review Process* (NPA). EBI concluded that the proposed tower construction does not meet any of the Exclusions listed in Section III of the NPA. Therefore, consultation with the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) was required.

Based on EBI's review of files online at the National Register Information System (www.nr.nps.gov), Connecticut SHPO, and the map of Known Cultural Resources provided by Heritage Consultants, LLC, three Historic Properties were identified within the ½-mile Area of Potential Effect (APE) for visual effects of the proposed tower.

Additionally, EBI contracted Dr. David W. Perry, PhD of Archaeobotanical Research, to perform an evaluation of the proposed Project Site for the likelihood of containing archaeological resources. This report concludes "it is evident that the [Area of Potential Effect for Direct Effects] does not possess the potential to produce significant archaeological resources. All shovel test pits (STPs) were negative for cultural remains, and the depositional environment in the APE-DE was shown to be either significantly disturbed, or insufficiently deep to preserve cultural materials. For this reason, it is my professional opinion that no further work is necessary in conjunction with this project." (see Appendix D).

EBI submitted project plans, the results of the archaeological survey, and a request for comment on FCC Form 620 to the Connecticut SHPO on April 2, 2010. In correspondence dated May 4, 2010, the SHPO concurred with our determination, stating "NO EFFECT."

On May 24, 2010, EBI received revised project drawings from T-Mobile. EBI submitted an addendum letter and the revised project plans the Connecticut SHPO on June 15, 2010. In correspondence dated June 17, 2010, the SHPO concurred with our determination, stating "NO EFFECT." Please see Appendix D for copies of this correspondence.

In the unlikely event that unanticipated Historic Properties, cultural artifacts, archeological deposits, or human remains are inadvertently encountered during the proposed construction and associated excavation activities, *T-Mobile* must halt activities immediately and contact the appropriate local officials and state agencies, in accordance with Federal and State regulations (36 CFR 800.13(b)).

5. Will the antenna structure affect Indian religious site(s)

Based on the requirements of the *Nationwide Programmatic Agreement Regarding the Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Review Process* (NPA), Tribal consultation was required for this project because the proposed tower construction did not meet Exclusions A, B, C or F of the NPA.

EBI submitted documentation regarding the proposed project to the FCC's Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS). On October 16, 2009, the FCC's TCNS sent the project information to Tribes listed on their database who have interest in the state in which the project is planned. Those Tribes included the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Narragansett Indian Tribe. Additionally, EBI submitted follow-up requests for comment to each of the Tribes indicated by the TCNS to have a potential interest in the area of the project. Neither Tribe raised any concerns about the proposed telecommunications facility.

Tribal communication for this project is summarized in the following table.

| # | Tribe Name | Initial Notification (via TCNS) | Response to Initial Contact | Second Contact Attempt | Response to Second Attempt | Additional Contact Attempts | Response to Additional Attempts | Action Recommended |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | Mashantucket Pequot Tribe | October 16, 2009 | October 14, 2009 - Request for Archaeological Report | May 3, 2010 | May 6, 2010 – Agreed with Archaeologi cal Report | N/A | N/A | No Further Action |
| 2 | Narragansett Indian Tribe | October 16, 2009 | None | November 4, 2010 (Overnight Mail) | None | November 16, 2010 (Overnight Mail) December 3, 2010 (Overnight Mail) | January 22, 2010 – No Further Interest | No Further Action |

Please note, in the unlikely event that unanticipated Historic Properties, cultural artifacts, archeological deposits, or human remains are inadvertently encountered during the proposed construction and associated excavation activities, *T-Mobile* must halt activities immediately and contact the appropriate tribal governments, local officials and state agencies, in accordance with Federal and State regulations (36 CFR 800.13(b)).

Correspondence between EBI and the Tribes that includes copies of the Tower Construction Notification System emails, follow-up correspondence, and Tribal responses are appended to this *Report* (Appendix E).

6. Will the antenna structure be located in a floodplain? (Ref. Executive Order 11988 and 40 CFR Part 6, Appendix A)

According to the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map data for Branford, CT (Community Map #090073, Panel #0006C) included on the Land Resources Map (Appendix F), the proposed tower compound location is not located within a 100-year floodplain; however the associated proposed access road crosses an area which has been identified as being a 100-year floodplain. A review of the Flood Insight Flood Zone determination (Appendix I) confirmed that the access road is within a floodplain. As such, EBI recommends that an Environmental Assessment be completed and submitted to the FCC for review and comment.

7. Will construction of the antenna structure involve significant change in surface features (e.g. wetlands, deforestation, or water diversion)? (*Ref. Executive Order 11990 and 40 CFR Part 6, Appendix A*)

It is EBI's opinion that documented or potential wetlands are located at or within a 100-foot radius of the proposed tower based upon the following facts:

- According to the Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) information, which is
 included on the Land Resources Map, the Project Site is located adjacent to a Freshwater Emergent
 Wetland (PEM1R) and Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland (PFC1E). According to the proposed
 project plans, including the proposed access road and culvert, will impact a portion of the mapped
 wetlands.
- According to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey (WSS), the
 dominant soil types on the Project Site are Raynham silt loam (10C) and Cheshire-Holyoke complex,
 3 to 15 percent slopes (77C). The first of these are poorly drained, deep silty loam deposits from
 glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite, schist, and gneiss, while the Cheshire-Holyoke complex
 consists of possibly shallower and rockier sediments sometimes containing boulders (Web Soil
 Survey 2009). These soils do meet the characteristics of hydric soils necessary to support wetland
 vegetation.

Based on the identification of wetlands at the proposed Project Site, EBI recommends that an Environmental Assessment be completed and submitted to the FCC for review and comment.

Additionally, the area proposed to be occupied by T-Mobile consists of forested land. However, the proposed construction plans do not call for the significant removal of mature trees; therefore, the proposed installation will not result in deforestation. According to the proposed construction plans and onsite observations, surface water body diversion will not occur.

8. Is the antenna structure located in a residential neighborhood and required to be equipped with high intensity white lights?

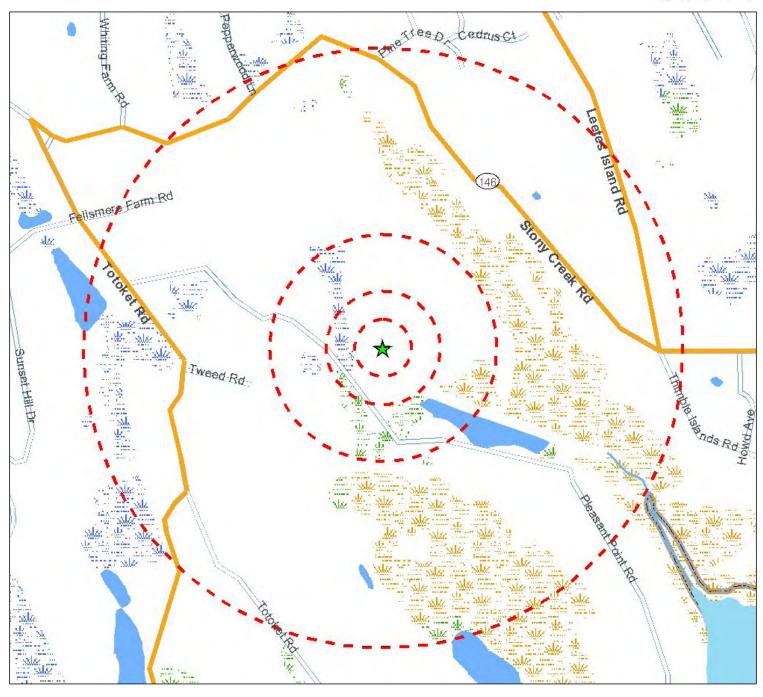
According to client representatives and site plans, the proposed installation will not include high intensity white lights and be located in a residential neighborhood.

- 9a. Will the antenna structure equal or exceed total power (of all channels) of 2000 Watts ERP (3280 EIRP) and have antenna located less than 10 meters above the ground?
- 9b. Will the rooftop antenna project equal or exceed total power (of all channels) of 2000 Watts ERP (3280 EIRP)?

An evaluation to determine whether radiofrequency (RF) emissions standards are met was not included as part of this *Report*. EBI understands that client representatives will evaluate the project to ensure compliance with applicable RF standards.

APPENDIX C FIGURES, DRAWINGS, AND MAPS





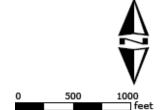
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Figure 1 - Site Location Map

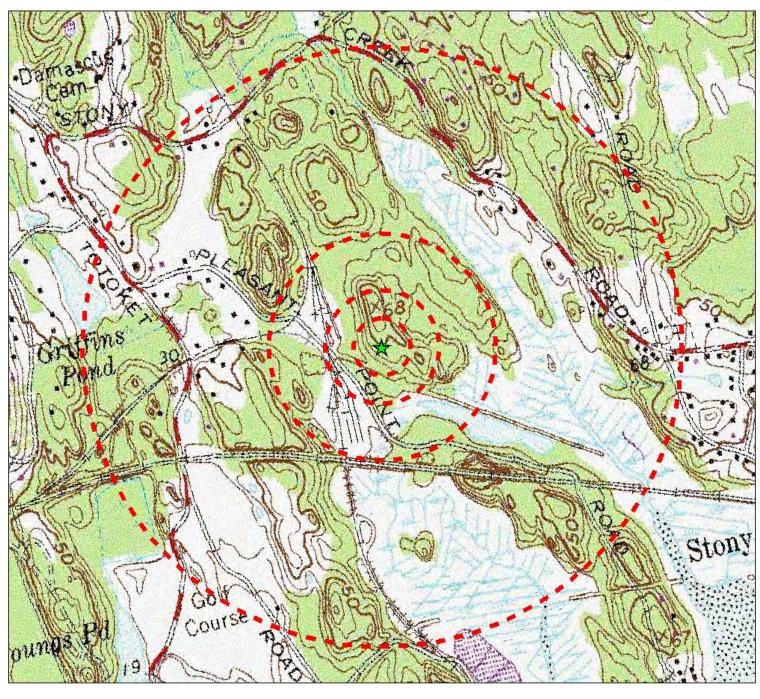
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Pleasant Point Road

Branford, CT 06405







★ Project Site 🔃 Site Buffer at 250', 500', 1000' and 1/2 mile

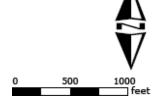
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Figure 2 - USGS Quad Location Map CTNH802B/Amtrak Branford 2

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Pleasant Point Road Branford, CT 06405

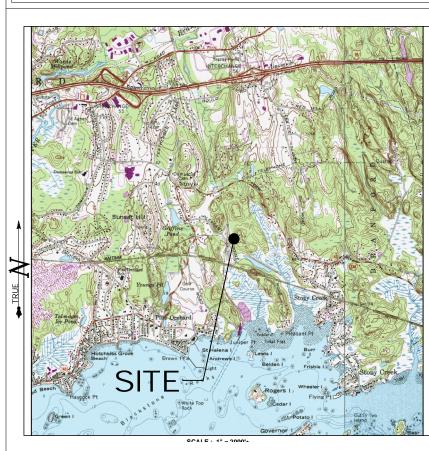
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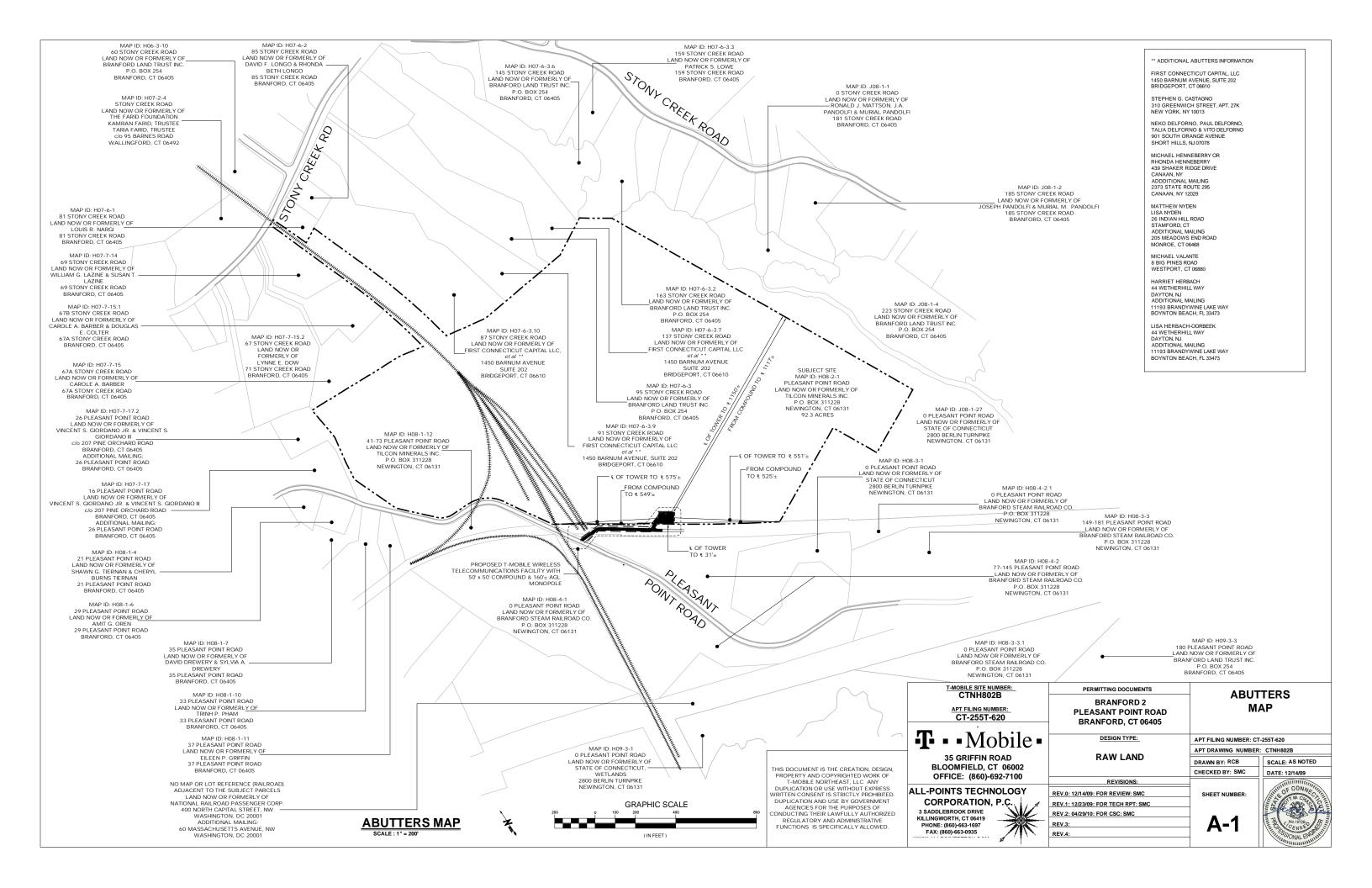
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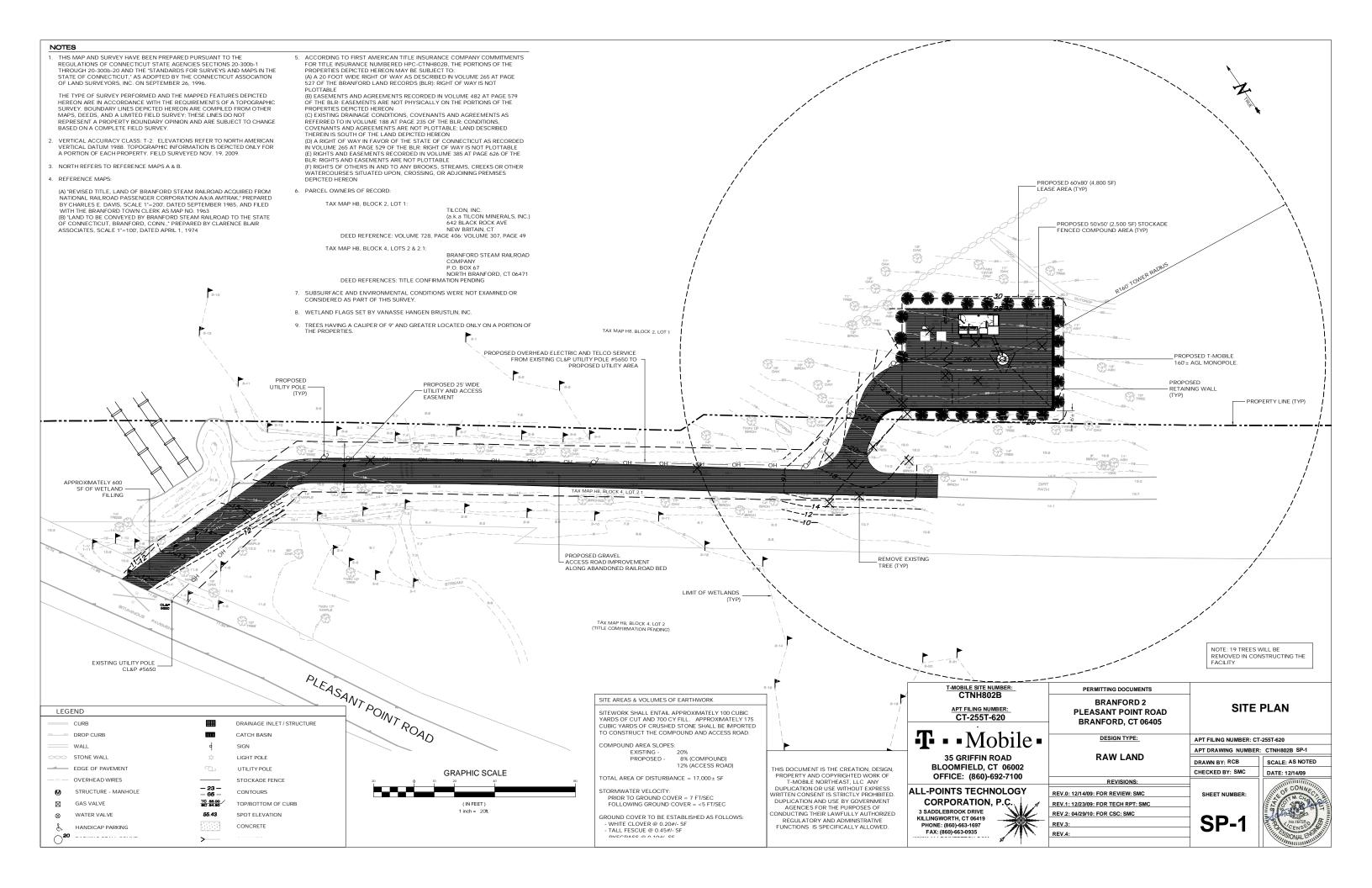
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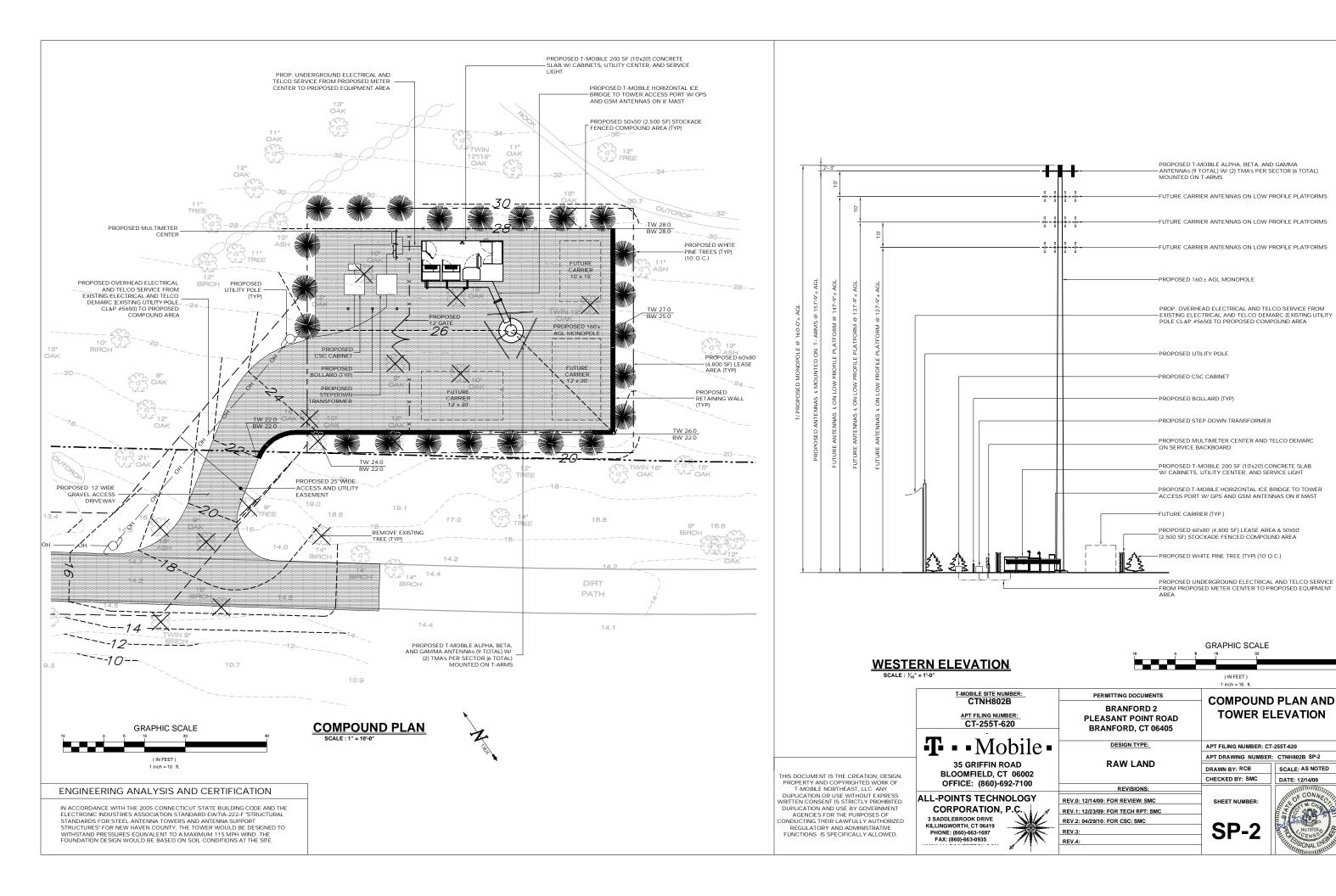
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STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

Subject:

Addendum to FCC Form 620

Date 6-17-10 p; Amtrak Branford 2/CTNH802B Pleasant Point Road, Branford, New Haven County,

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On April 2, 2010, EBI submitted a request for comments to your office regarding our "No Effect" determination for the above-referenced telecommunications installation project. On May 10, 2010, EBI received your office's comments of "No Effect."

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An amended public notice will be posted within the Branford Sound on Thursday June 17, 2010. Any responses received by EBI or T-Mobile from this public notice will be forwarded to your office.

On behalf of T-Mobile, I would appreciate your comments on this proposed telecommunications installation in a letter to my attention at the address noted above.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: Previous CT SHPO Response, Revised Drawings, and Legal Notice

Cc: Town of Branford Planning and Zoning Department

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Mr. David Poirier, Staff Archaeologist Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism One Connecticut Plaza; Second Floor Hartford, CT 06103

Subject:

Submission Packet, FCC Form 620, for proposed New Tower Project

Pleasant Point Road, Branford, CT 06405

CTNH802B / Amtrak Branford 2 EBI Project Number: 61096154

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In accordance with the Nationwide Agreement, please find the attached Submission Packet, FCC Form 620, which presents the details on the proposed project as well as efforts that have been taken to identify, assess, and make determinations of effect on the impacts of the proposed project on Historic Properties.

We would appreciate your review of the data for the proposed project presented above and shown on the attached form and attachments. On behalf of T-Mobile Northeast LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as successor-in-interest to Omnipoint Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation (hereinafter, T-Mobile), I would appreciate your comments on this proposed telecommunications installation in a letter directed to the address noted above. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns on the proposed project or the information contained in this Submission Packet.

Sincerely.

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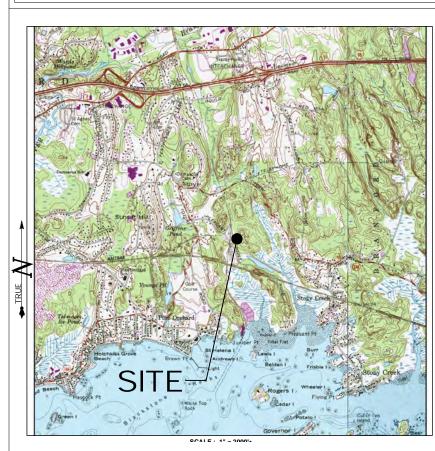
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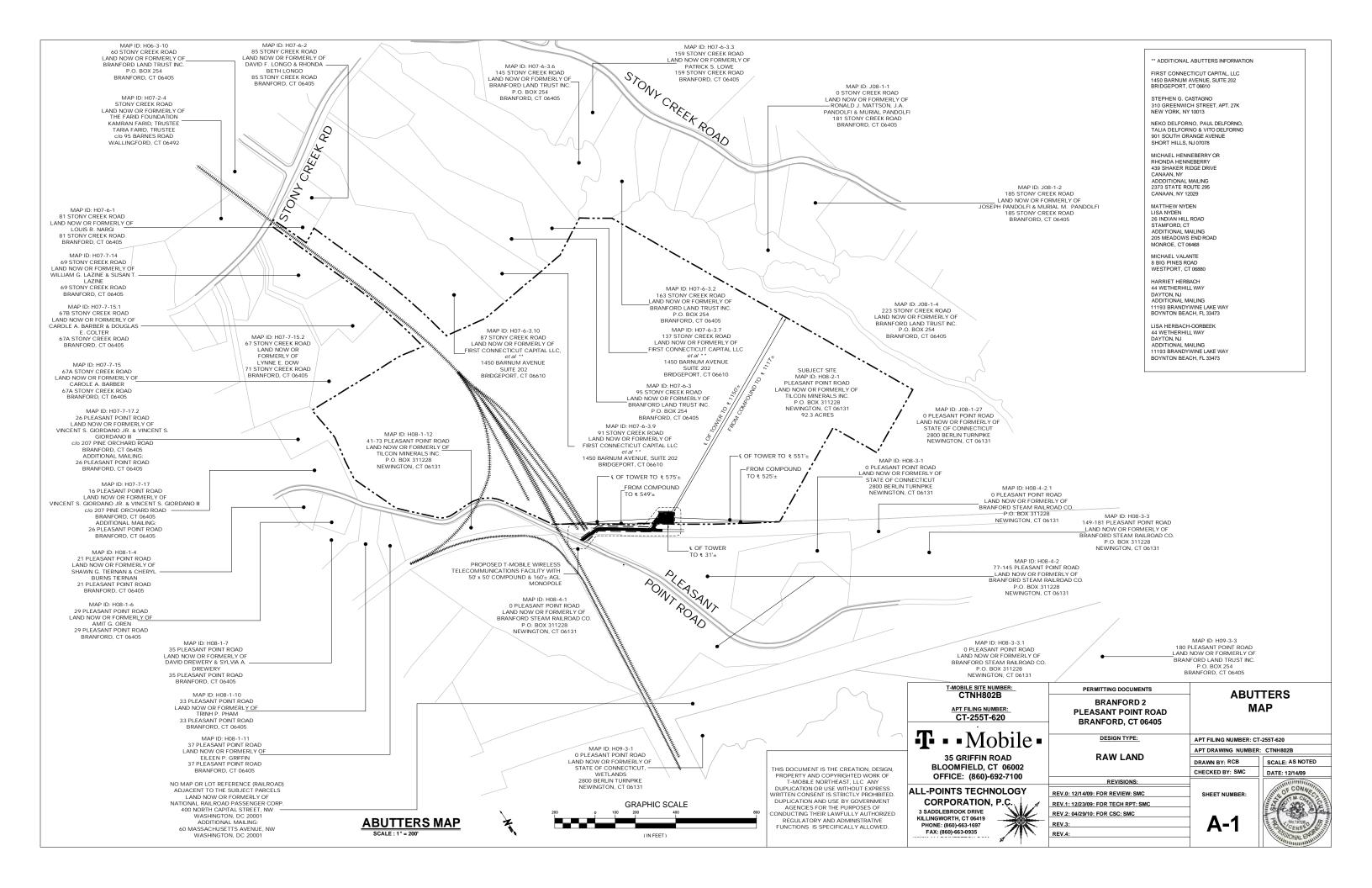
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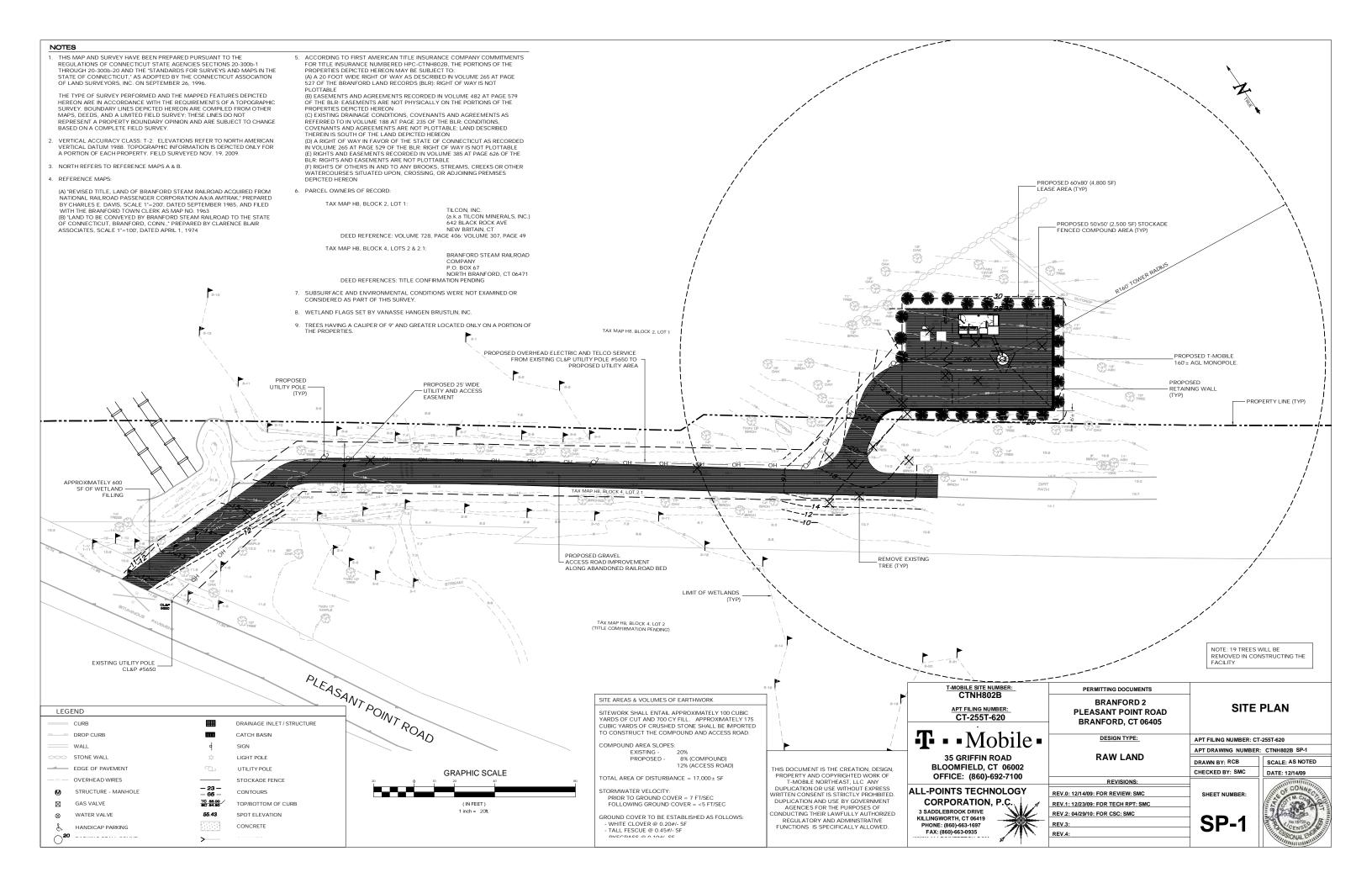
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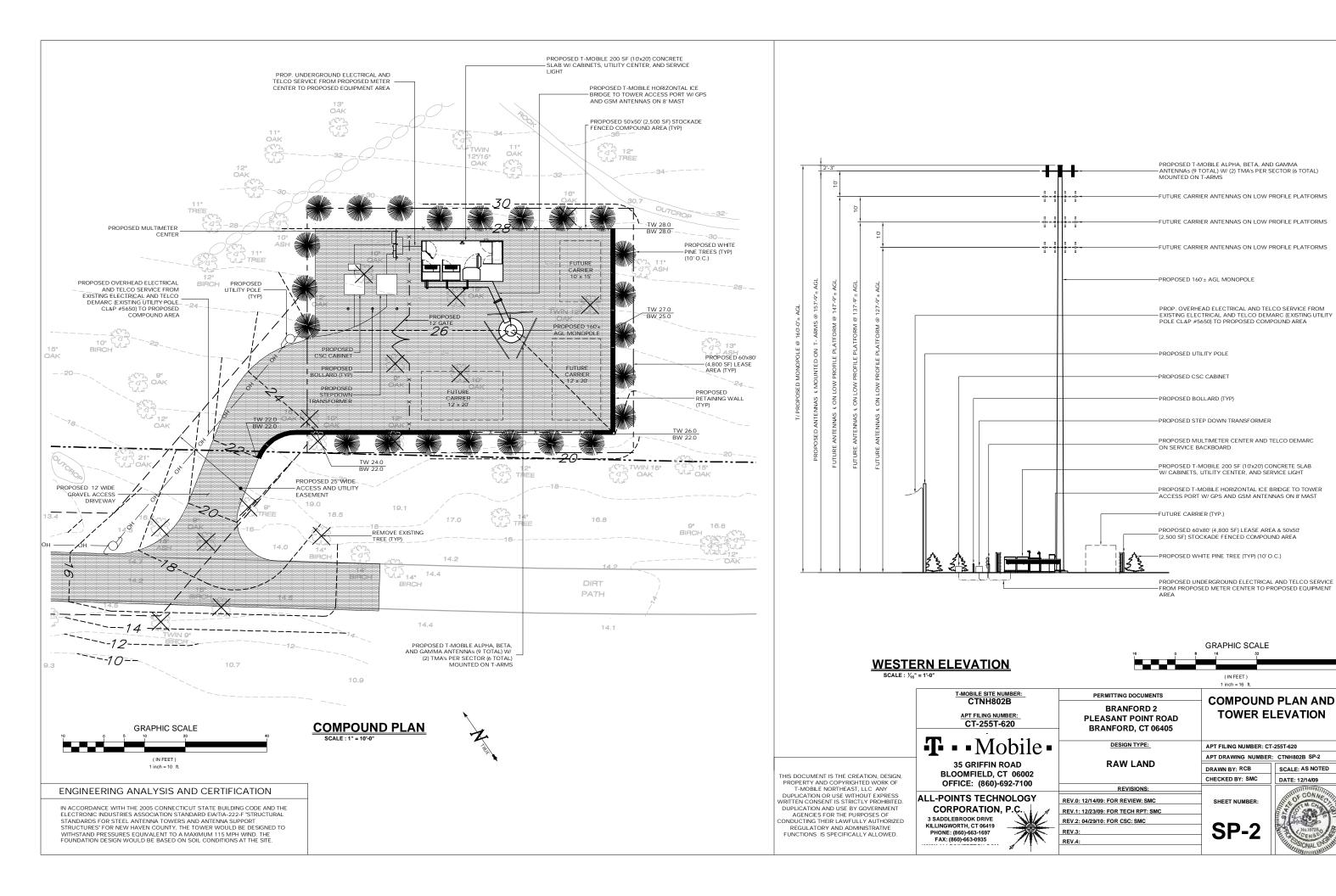
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EBI Consulting (EBI), on behalf of T-Mobile Northeast LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as successor-ininterest to Omnipoint Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation (hereinafter T-Mobile) would like to place the following ad in your paper for print on the next available date.. Please place this ad in the paper and send a tear sheet of the ad for confirmation to the address noted on the letterhead. The following is the text of the Public Notice:

T-Mobile Northeast LLC provides this notice of a proposed telecommunications facility installation at Pleasant Point Road in Branford, New Haven County, CT approximately 2,000 feet southeast of the intersection of Pleasant Point Road and Totoket Road. The new facility will consist of 160-foot monopole, with nine antennas at 157.75 feet, and support equipment located within a 50-foot by 50-foot fenced equipment compound on a 60-foot by 80-foot lease area. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 61096154-AMG c/o EBI Consulting, 21 B Street, Burlington, MA 01803, or via telephone at (845) 313-1217.

Please send an invoice for the cost of the posting to the address noted above. Please reference EBI Project #61096154 on any correspondence pertaining to this project, to ensure prompt processing.

Please e-mail or call me with any questions or concerns concerning this publication. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ms. Alexis Godat Architectural Historian agodat@ebiconsulting.com

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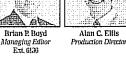
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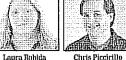
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NORTH BRANFORD Town Meetings

Call the town clerk at 203-484-6015 for more information.

Safely Enjoy Branford

I'm writing specifically about a female who was driving a white sedan on Main Street on June 2 at approximately 1:20 p.m. and also all motorists in Branford.

Regarding this specific driver, what was her hurry on Wednesday afternoon that she did not see two warnings from our crossing guard, Joe, who is dressed in bright neon vellow? Was it the summer weather that distracted her driving? I am thankful that she finally saw Joe crossing. my son. She finally did stop in the middle of the crosswalk, nearly hitting them both!

Crossing guards, I am told by the Branford Police Department, do not have the authority to give tickets. It is my opinion that she deserved ? one, as witnesses say she was speeding.

Regarding all Branford motorists, I ask they be aware of walkers, runners, and bicyclists. Too many motorists are on cell phones, are distracted. speed, and roll through stop signs. Our community is beautiful and we all want to safely enjoy it.

Sundae Pekar Branford

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Thanks for Branford

Memorial Day Parade

shouting, "Thank you."

I am fortunate to be involved with the "Take a

Vet Fishing" program through the First Congre-

gational Church. We were invited to participate

in the Memorial Day Parade to honor our vets.

We picked up seven vets from the Connecticut

in a boat in the parade and we had vets from

Vietnam through the current war in Iraq. The

crowds were wonderful, clapping, cheering, and

I was asked to drive some Korean War vets.

They were members of Branford's Heavy Tank

Battalion, It was their 60th anniversary. It was

who stood and saluted the vets and held the

very humbling to hear the cheers and there were

several World War II (WWII) vets along the route

salute until we passed and the vets in my vehicle

returned the salute. Some of the WWII vets were

on canes and still saluted. I am not a vet and was

honored to drive these soldiers who answered the

On June 5, we took 16 of the vets from the VA

fishing. Many of them had participated in the

parade. One of the vets from Vietnam asked me

if we were going fishing in Branford; I told him

he had a special place in his heart for Branford.

I asked why; he said Branford was where he

when, thinking late 1960s or 1970s. He said

last Monday in the parade! I was very proud of

Thank you to all those residents of Branford

who came out to say "Thank you" to our veterans.

this day we were invited to Coventry. He told me

received his welcome home from Vietnam. I asked

VA Healthcare System in West Haven. They rode

203-315-0678 for more information.

Thursday, June 17 Planning & Zoning: 7 p.m. Town Hall

Monday. June 21 Zoning Board of Appeals: 7 p.m. Town Hall

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April 2, 2010

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Subject:

Submission Packet, FCC Form 620, for proposed New Tower Project

Pleasant Point Road, Branford, CT 06405

CTNH802B / Amtrak Branford 2 EBI Project Number: 61096154

Dear Mr. Poirier:

In accordance with the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) rules and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the above-referenced telecommunications project is being evaluated by EBI for its potential effects to districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, or culture that are listed, or potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Based on EBI's review of the characteristics and location of the proposed project, the project does not meet the exclusions stated in the "Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Review of Effects on Historic Properties for Certain Undertakings Approved by the Federal Communications Commission," dated September 2004 ("Nationwide Agreement"); therefore, the project is required to undergo Section 106 review with the State Historic Preservation Office.

In accordance with the Nationwide Agreement, please find the attached Submission Packet, FCC Form 620, which presents the details on the proposed project as well as efforts that have been taken to identify, assess, and make determinations of effect on the impacts of the proposed project on Historic Properties.

We would appreciate your review of the data for the proposed project presented above and shown on the attached form and attachments. On behalf of T-Mobile Northeast LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as successor-in-interest to Omnipoint Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation (hereinafter, T-Mobile), I would appreciate your comments on this proposed telecommunications installation in a letter directed to the address noted above. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns on the proposed project or the information contained in this Submission Packet.

Sincerely.

Lauren Mehringer Staff Scientist

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Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC 20554

New Tower ("NT") Submission Packet FCC FORM 620 Introduction

The NT Submission Packet is to be completed by or on behalf of Applicants to construct new antenna support structures by or for the use of licensees of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). The Packet (including Form 620 and attachments) is to be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO") or to the Tribal Historic Preservation Office ("THPO"), as appropriate, before any construction or other installation activities on the site begin. Failure to provide the Submission Packet and complete the review process under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act ("NHPA") prior to beginning construction may violate Section 110(k) of the NHPA and the Commission's rules.

The instructions below should be read in conjunction with, and not as a substitute for, the "Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Review of Effects on Historic Properties for Certain Undertakings Approved by the Federal Communications Commission," dated _____ 2004, ("Nationwide Agreement") and the relevant rules of the FCC (47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1301-1.1319) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation ("ACHP") (36 C.F.R. Part 800).²

Exclusions and Scope of Use

The NT Submission Packet should not be submitted for undertakings that are excluded from Section 106 Review. The categories of new tower construction that are excluded from historic preservation review under Section 106 of the NHPA are described in Section III of the Nationwide Agreement.

Where an undertaking is to be completed but no submission will be made to a SHPO or THPO due to the applicability of one or more exclusions, the Applicant should retain in its files documentation of the basis for each exclusion should a question arise as to the Applicant's compliance with Section 106.

The NT Submission Packet is to be used only for the construction of new antenna support structures. Antenna collocations that are subject to Section 106 review should be submitted using the Collocation ("CO") Submission Packet (FCC Form 621).

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[⊥] 16 U.S.C. § 470f.

² Section II.A.9. Of the Nationwide Agreement defines a "historic property" as: "Any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register maintained by the Secretary of the Interior. This term includes artifacts, records, and remains that are related to and located within such properties. The term includes properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian Organization that meet the National Register criteria."

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General Instructions: NT Submission Packet

Fill out the answers to Questions I-5 on Form 620 and provide the requested attachments. Attachments should be numbered and provided in the order described below.

For ease of processing, provide the Applicant's Name, Applicant's Project Name, and Applicant's Project Number in the lower right hand corner of each page of Form 620 and attachments.³

I. Applicant Information

| Full Legal Name of Applicant: <u>T-Mobile Northeast LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as successor-in-interest to Omnipoint Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation</u> | | | | |
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| FCC Registration Number (FRN): N/A | | | | |
| Name and Title of Contact Person: Hans Fiedler | | | | |
| Address of Contact Person (including Zip Code): 100 Filley Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002 | | | | |
| Phone:(860) 692-7123 Fax: n/a | | | | |
| E-mail address: hans.fiedler@t-mobile.com | | | | |
| 2. Applicant's Consultant Information | | | | |
| Full Legal Name of Applicant's Section 106 Consulting Firm: EnviroBusiness Inc. d/b/a EBI Consulting | | | | |
| Name of Principal Investigator: Stephen Forrest | | | | |
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| Title of Principal Investigator: Historian | | | | |
| Investigator's Address: 21 B Street | | | | |
| City: <u>Burlington</u> State: <u>MA</u> Zip Code: <u>01803</u> | | | | |
| Phone: (617) 715-1817 Fax: (617) 715-6597 | | | | |
| E-mail Address: SForrest@ebiconsulting.com | | | | |
| Does the Principal Investigator satisfy the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards? ⁴ YES/NO. | | | | |
| Areas in which the Principal Investigator meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards: History | | | | |
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| Some attachments may contain photos or maps on which this information cannot be provided. The Professional Qualification Standards are available on the cultural resources webpage of the National Park Service. | | | | |

Department of the Interior: http://www.cr.nps.gov/local-law/arch_stnds_9.htm. The Nationwide Agreement requires use of Secretary-qualified professionals for identification and evaluation of historic properties within the APE for direct effects, and for assessment of effects. The Nationwide Agreement encourages, but does not require, use of Secretary-qualified professionals to identify historic properties within the APE for indirect effects. See Nationwide Agreement, §§ VI.D.I.d.,

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| Other "Secretary of the Interior qualified" staff who worked on the Submission Packet (provide name(s) as well as well as the area(s) in which they are qualified): Mr. William Keegan, Historical Geographer & GIS Specialist, Heritage Consultants, LLC | | | | | |
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| <u>Dr</u> | . David W. Perry, Archaeologist, PhD, Archaeobotanical Research | | | | |
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| 3. | Site Information | | | | |
| a. | Street Address of Site: Pleasant Point Road | | | | |
| | City or Township: Branford | | | | |
| | County / Parish: New Haven State: CT Zip Code: 06405 | | | | |
| b. | Nearest Cross Roads: /Branford Trolly Trail | | | | |
| c. | NAD 83 Latitude/Longitude coordinates (to tenth of a second): | | | | |
| | N <u>41 ° 16 ' 34.81 "</u> ; W <u>72 °45' 56</u> " | | | | |
| d. | Proposed tower height above ground level: ⁵ feet; 45.72 _ meters | | | | |
| e. | Tower type: | | | | |
| | ☐ Guyed lattice tower ☐ self-supporting lattice ☒ monopole | | | | |
| | Other (briefly describe tower) | | | | |
| 4. | Project Status: ⁶ | | | | |
| a. b. c. | . Construction commenced on [date]; or, | | | | |
| 5. | Applicant's Determination of Effect | | | | |
| a. | . Direct Effects (check one): | | | | |
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| | Certification and Signature | | | | | |
| | I certify that all representations on this FCC Form 620 and the accompanying attachments are true, correct, and complete. | | | | | |
| | Attended J. Jonest April 2, 2010 Signature Date | | | | | |
| | Stephen Forrest Printed Name | <u>Historian</u> Title | | | | |

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS FORM OR ANY ATTACHMENTS ARE PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001) AND/OR REVOCATION OF ANY STATION LICENSE OR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT (U.S. Code, Title 47, Section 312(a)(1) AND/ OR FORFEITURE (U.S. Code, Title 47, Section 503).

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Attachments

Provide the following attachments in this order and numbered as follows:

Attachment I. Résumés / Vitae.

Provide a current copy of the résumé or curriculum vitae for the Principal Investigator and any researcher or other person who contributed to, reviewed, or provided significant input into the research, analysis, writing or conclusions presented in the Submission Packet for this proposed facility.

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Attachment 2. Additional Site Information

Describe any additional structures, access roads, utility lines, fences, easements, or other construction planned for the site in conjunction with the proposed facility.

The Subject Property, located at Pleasant Point Road, is situated within a rural neighborhood. An existing railroad yard, utilized by Tilcon Minerals, Inc., is located north of the Project Site. Areas to the east, south and west are predominately undeveloped, wooded land.

The Subject Property consists of an approximately 9.4-acre lot that is predominantly occupied by woodlands and several existing railroad tracks. The railroad tracks are located on the western portion of the Subject Property. Surrounding properties consist primarily of undeveloped woods.

T-Mobile proposes to construct a 150-foot monopole at the Project Site. Nine antennas are proposed to be mounted at 146.75 feet on the proposed monopole. The monopole and associated equipment will be located within a 50-foot by 50-foot fenced compound located within a 100-foot by 100-foot lease area. The Project Site will be accessed by a proposed 12-foot wide gravel access drive and easement. A proposed utility pole will connect proposed overhead electrical and telecommunications from existing electrical and telco demarc to the proposed compound area. In addition, underground electrical and telecommunications service will be connected from the proposed utility pole, to the proposed CSC cabinet, transformer and meter board and then connected to the proposed equipment area.

Please refer to the Project Plans for the proposed project, which are included in Attachment 12, Maps.

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Attachment 3. Tribal and NHO Involvement

At an early stage in the planning process, the Nationwide Agreement requires the Applicant to gather information from appropriate Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian Organizations ("NHOs") to assist in the identification of Historic Properties of religious and cultural significance to them. Describe measures taken to identify Indian tribes and NHOs that may attach religious and cultural significance to Historic Properties that may be affected by the undertaking within the Areas of Potential Effects ("APE") for direct and visual effects. If such Indian tribes or NHOs were identified, list them and provide a summary of contacts by either the FCC, the Applicant, or the Applicant's representative. Provide copies of relevant documents, including correspondence. If no such Indian tribes or NHOs were identified, please explain.

EBI Consulting completed the Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS) on October 16, 2009. The attached FCC Notification email lists the Tribes identified through the TCNS process. Follow up correspondence, when necessary, will be completed via the methods listed on the attached email considered acceptable to that Tribe.

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Sara Nelson

From: towernotifyinfo@fcc.gov

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 3:01 AM

To: Lauren Mehringer

Cc: kim.pristello@fcc.gov; diane.dupert@fcc.gov

Subject: NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION(S) WHICH WERE SENT PROPOSED TOWER

CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION INFORMATION - Email ID #2321583

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for using the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS). The purpose of this electronic mail message is to inform you that the following authorized persons were sent the information you provided through TCNS, which relates to your proposed antenna structure. The information was forwarded by the FCC to authorized TCNS users by electronic mail and/or regular mail (letter).

Persons who have received the information that you provided include leaders or their designees of federally-recognized American Indian Tribes, including Alaska Native Villages (collectively "Tribes"), Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs), and State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs). For your convenience in identifying the referenced Tribes and in making further contacts, the City and State of the Seat of Government for each Tribe and NHO, as well as the designated contact person, is included in the listing below. We note that Tribes may have Section 106 cultural interests in ancestral homelands or other locations that are far removed from their current Seat of Government. Pursuant to the Commission's rules as set forth in the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Review of Effects on Historic Properties for Certain Undertakings Approved by the Federal Communications Commission (NPA), all Tribes and NHOs listed below must be afforded a reasonable opportunity to respond to this notification, consistent with the procedures set forth below, unless the proposed construction falls within an exclusion designated by the Tribe or NHO. (NPA, Section IV.F.4).

The information you provided was forwarded to the following Tribes and NHOs who have set their geographic preferences on TCNS. If the information you provided relates to a proposed antenna structure in the State of Alaska, the following list also includes Tribes located in the State of Alaska that have not specified their geographic preferences. For these Tribes and NHOs, if the Tribe or NHO does not respond within a reasonable time, you should make a reasonable effort at follow-up contact, unless the Tribe or NHO has agreed to different procedures (NPA, Section IV.F.5). In the event such a Tribe or NHO does not respond to a follow-up inquiry, or if a substantive or procedural disagreement arises between you and a Tribe or NHO, you must seek guidance from the Commission (NPA, Section IV.G). These procedures are further set forth in the FCC's Declaratory Ruling released on October 6, 2005 (FCC 05-176).

- 1. THPO Kathleen Knowles Mashantucket Pequot Tribe Mashantucket, CT electronic mail Details: For every tower construction this Tribe requires a site location map, site plans for every project that will result in ground disturbance, and a detailed description of the proposed site. If the proposed tower construction is on an already existing building, the Tribe would like to be informed of that as well.
- 2. Cell Tower Coordinator Sequahna Mars Narragansett Indian Tribe Wyoming, RI electronic mail and regular mail

The information you provided was also forwarded to the additional Tribes and NHOs listed below. These Tribes and NHOs have NOT set their geographic preferences on TCNS, and therefore they are currently receiving tower notifications for the entire United States. For these Tribes and NHOs, you are required to use reasonable and good faith efforts to determine if the Tribe or NHO may attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties that may be affected by its proposed undertaking. Such efforts may include, but are not limited to, seeking information from the relevant SHPO or THPO, Indian Tribes, state agencies, the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, or, where applicable, any federal agency with land holdings within the state (NPA, Section IV.B). If after such reasonable and good faith efforts, you determine that a Tribe or NHO may attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties in the area and the Tribe or NHO does not respond to TCNS notification within a reasonable time, you should make a reasonable effort to follow up, and must seek guidance from the Commission in the event of continued non-response or in the event of a procedural or substantive disagreement. If you determine that the Tribe or NHO is unlikely to attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties within the area, you do not need to take further action unless the Tribe or NHO indicates an interest in the proposed construction or other evidence of potential interest comes to your attention.

None

The information you provided was also forwarded to the following SHPOs in the State in which you propose to construct and neighboring States. The information was provided to these SHPOs as a courtesy for their information and planning. You need make no effort at this time to follow up with any SHPO that does not respond to this notification. Prior to construction, you must provide the SHPO of the State in which you propose to construct (or the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, if the project will be located on certain Tribal lands), with a Submission Packet pursuant to Section VII.A of the NPA.

- 3. SHPO John W Shannahan Connecticut Historical Commission Hartford, CT electronic mail
- 4. SHPO Cara Metz Massachusetts Historical Commission Boston, MA electronic mail
- 5. Deputy SHPO Brona Simon Massachusetts Historical Commission Boston, MA electronic mail
- 6. SHPO Frederick C Williamson Rhode Island Historic Preservation & Heritage Comm Providence, RI regular mail
- 7. Deputy SHPO Edward F Sanderson Rhode Island Historic Preservation & Heritage Comm Providence, RI electronic mail
- 8. SHPO Karen J Senich Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism Hartford, CT electronic mail

If you are proposing to construct a facility in the State of Alaska, you should contact Commission staff for guidance regarding your obligations in the event that Tribes do not respond to this notification within a reasonable time.

Please be advised that the FCC cannot guarantee that the contact(s) listed above opened and reviewed an electronic or regular mail notification. The following information relating to the proposed tower was forwarded to the person(s) listed above:

Notification Received: 10/13/2009

Notification ID: 56956

Tower Owner Individual or Entity Name: T-Mobile

Consultant Name: Lauren A Mehringer

Street Address: 21 B Street

City: Burlington State: MASSACHUSETTS Zip Code: 01803 Phone: 781-418-2329

Email: LMehringer@ebiconsulting.com

Structure Type: UPOLE - Utility Pole/Tower used to provide service (Electric, Telephone,

etc)

Latitude: 41 deg 16 min 35.9 sec N Longitude: 72 deg 46 min 4.0 sec W

Location Description: Pleasant Point Road

City: Branford State: CONNECTICUT County: NEW HAVEN

Ground Elevation: 6.4 meters

Support Structure: 45.7 meters above ground level Overall Structure: 45.7 meters above ground level Overall Height AMSL: 52.1 meters above mean sea level

If you have any questions or comments regarding this notice, please contact the FCC using the electronic mail form located on the FCC's website at:

http://wireless.fcc.gov/outreach/notification/contact-fcc.html.

You may also call the FCC Support Center at (877) 480-3201 (TTY 717-338-2824). Hours are from 8 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays). To provide quality service and ensure security, all telephone calls are recorded.

Thank you, Federal Communications Commission

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Attachment 4. Local Government

a. Has any local government agency been contacted and invited to become a consulting party pursuant to Section V.A. of the Nationwide Agreement? If so, list the local government agencies contacted. Provide a summary of contacts and copies of any relevant documents (e.g., correspondence or notices).

The Town of Branford Planning and Zoning Department has been notified of the proposed project and has been invited to comment on the proposed project's potential effects on Historic Properties as well as indicate whether they are interested in consulting further on the proposed project. A copy of our correspondence with the local government office is attached. As of the date of this submission packet, no comments from the Town of Branford Planning and Zoning Department have been received by EBI. Should a response be received, copies will be forwarded to all consulting parties as an addendum to this submission packet.

b. If a local government agency will be contacted but has not been to date, explain why and when such contact will take place. N/A

Applicant's Name: T-Mobile Northeast, LLC
Project Name: Amtrak Branford 2
Project Number: CTNH802B

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21 B Street Burlington, MA 01803 Tel: (781) 273-2500

Fax: (781) 273-3311

November 3, 2009

Town of Branford Planning and Zoning Department c/o Shirley Rasmussen 1019 Main Street,
Branford CT 06405

Subject: Invitation to Comment

CTNH802B/ Amtrak Branford 2

Pleasant Point Road, Branford, Connecticut 06405

EBI Project #61096154

Dear Ms. Ramussen:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the regulations promulgated thereunder and interagency agreements developed thereto, EBI Consulting, Inc. on behalf of T-Mobile provides this notice of a proposed telecommunications facility installation at the address listed above.

EBI would like to inquire if you would be interested in commenting on this proposed project. Please refer to the attached Project Summary Form for complete details regarding this proposed project.

Please note that we are requesting your review of the attached information as part of the Section 106 process only and not as part of the local zoning process. We are only seeking comments related to the proposed project's potential effect to historic properties.

Please submit your comments regarding the proposed project's potential effect on historic properties to EBI Consulting, to my attention at 21 B Street, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803 or contact me via telephone at the number listed below. Please reference the EBI project number. We would appreciate your comments as soon as possible within the next 30 days. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the proposed project.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen J. Lonet

Mr. Stephen Forrest

Historian

Phone: (617) 715-1817 Fax: (617) 715 - 6597 sforrest@ebiconsulting.com

Attachment A - Project Summary Form Attachment B - Figures, Drawings, and Maps

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Ship To Address:

Shirley Rasmussen Town of Branford Planning and Zoning Department 1019 Main Street, Branford, CT 06405 US





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Attachment 5. Public Involvement

Describe measures taken to obtain public involvement in this project (e.g., notices, letters, or public meetings). Provide copies of relevant documentation.

Attached, please find a copy of legal notice regarding the proposed telecommunications installation that was posted in *Branford Sound* on November 12, 2009. As of the date of this submission packet, no comments regarding this notice have been received by EBI. Should a response be received, copies will be forwarded to all consulting parties as an addendum to this submission packet.

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November 2, 2009

Branford Sound c/o Shore Publishing, LLC 724 Boston Post Road Suite 202 PO Box 1010 Madison, CT 06443 Phone: 203-245-1877

office@shorepublishing.com Attn: TJ Mastriano

Subject: Request for Public Notice EBI Project #61096154

EBI Consulting (EBI), on behalf of T-Mobile Northeast LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as successor-ininterest to Omnipoint Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation (hereinafter T-Mobile) would like to place the following ad in your paper for print on the next available date.. Please place this ad in the paper and send a tear sheet of the ad for confirmation to the address noted on the letterhead. The following is the text of the Public Notice:

T-Mobile Northeast LLC provides this notice of a proposed telecommunications facility installation at Pleasant Point Road in Branford, CT. The new facility will consist of 150-foot monopole with nine antennas and support equipment located within a 50-foot by 50-foot fenced equipment compound on a 100-foot by 100-foot lease area. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 61096154-SF c/o EBI Consulting, 21 B Street, Burlington, MA 01803, or via telephone at (781) 273-2500.

Please send an invoice for the cost of the posting to the address noted above. Please reference **EBI Project** #61096154 on any correspondence pertaining to this project, to ensure prompt processing.

Please e-mail or call me with any questions or concerns concerning this publication. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Lauren Mehringer Staff Scientist

Phone: (781) 418-2329 Fax: (781) 418-2379

Email: LMehringer@ebiconsulting.com

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Faughnan. Democratic incumbent and three-term councilwoman Ashley Clow-Joiner was narrowly defeated in her bid to

rejoin the council.

Candelora said he's looking forward to working with the new Town Council.

"I think we have a fantastic council and that the line of

communication between the council and the Board of Education is going to be better," he said, adding he hoped residents will "voice their opinion" on town matters.

Candelora said he was "surprised" when voters elected him mayor, but feels the way he delivered his campaign message could have helped give him the edge.

"I went door to door. I've lived

here all my life and run two businesses. I felt the town needed a them."

businessman, someone in touch with the people...These are tough economic times and I'm going through it, too. I want to get the people involved in the town," said Candelora. "I want to thank all of the people of North Branford and I look forward to working for

Master Tai Chi Sitting Down

A Sitting Tai Chi certification training program is on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Women and Family Life Center, 96 Fair Street, Guilford. The cost of \$70 includes a DVD and a manual. For more info, call 203-444-2856 or 203-245-8345.

An Evening of Celtic Harp

The Branford Folk Music Society presents Celtic harp player Patrick Ball on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. at the First Street. Tickets are \$15. For more info, call 203-488-7715 or visit www.folknotes.org./branfordfolk.

LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Helen M. Herlth (09-0225)

The Hon. John E. Donegan, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Branford, by decree dated October 29, 2009 ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Penelope D. Ives, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is: Virginia Lambert c/o Stephen W. Whalen, Esq. 26 Commerce Drive North Branford, CT 06405



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Attachment 6. Additional Consulting Parties

List additional consulting parties that were invited to participate by the Applicant, or independently requested to participate. Provide any relevant correspondence or other documents.

The Branford Historical Society has been identified and invited to comment on the proposed project's effect on Historic Properties. Attached, please find copies of relevant correspondence to date with this party. As of the date of this submission packet, no comments from the Branford Historical Society have been received by EBI. Should a response be received, copies will be forwarded to all consulting parties as an addendum to this submission packet.

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Project Number: CTNH802B

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November 3, 2009

Branford Historical Society c/o Peter Black 124 Main Street, Box 504 Branford CT 06405

Subject: Invitation to Comment

CTNH802B/ Amtrak Branford 2

Pleasant Point Road, Branford, Connecticut 06405

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Dear Mr. Black:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the regulations promulgated thereunder and interagency agreements developed thereto, EBI Consulting, Inc. on behalf of T-Mobile provides this notice of a proposed telecommunications facility installation at the address listed above.

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Attachment 7. Areas of Potential Effects

a. Describe the APE for direct effects and explain how this APE was determined.

The APE for direct effects is defined as the area of potential ground disturbance and any property, or any portion thereof, that will be physically altered or destroyed by the Undertaking. On November 24, 2008, the FCC further clarified that the APE-Direct Effects is limited to the lease area (50- by 50-foot fenced compound), access route and utility corridor (12-foot wide gravel easement). Lauren Mehringer, Staff Scientist, of EBI Consulting completed a field survey on October 27, 2009 and determined that the APE for direct effects is limited to the proposed lease area, the access route and the utility corridor.

b. Describe the APE for visual effects and explain how this APE was determined.

The APE for visual effects is the geographic area in which the Undertaking has the potential to introduce visual elements that diminish or alter the setting, including the landscape, where the setting is a character-defining feature of a historic property that makes it eligible for listing on the National Register. The presumed APE for visual effects for construction of new facilities is the area from which the tower will be visible: a. Within a half mile from the tower site if the proposed Tower is 200 feet or less in overall height; b. Within 3/4 of a mile from the tower site if the proposed Tower is more than 200 but no more than 400 feet in overall height; or c. Within I 1/2 miles from the proposed tower site if the proposed Tower is more than 400 feet in overall height.

Due to the height of the proposed tower, the presumed APE for visual effects for this project is a half-mile radius from the tower site.

Attachment 8. Historic Properties Identified in the APE for Visual Effects

a. Provide the name and address (including U.S. Postal Service ZIP Code) of each property in the APE for visual effects that is listed in the National Register, has been formally determined eligible for listing by the Keeper of the National Register, or is identified as considered eligible for listing in the records of the SHPO/THPO, pursuant to Section VI.D.I.a. of the Nationwide Agreement.⁷

Based on a review of the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism's files conducted by Mr. William Keegan, Historical Geographer & GIS Specialist of Heritage Consultants, LLC on October 19, 2009, the following Historic Properties were identified within the APE for visual effects:

| Listed/ NRHP Eligibility | NRHP/ SHPO Inventory No. | Historic Property Name | Address or Nearest Intersection (including U.S. Postal Service ZIP Code) | Distance from Project Site | EBI Photo No. |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| NRHP | NRIS# | Frisbie, Edward, | 240 Stony Creek Road | 2,375-feet | 19, 20 |
| Listed | 85001058 | Homestead | | | |
| NRHP | NRIS# | Palmer, Hezekiah, | 340-408 Leete's Island Road | 2,575-feet | 21, 22 |
| Listed | 88002641 | House | | | |

⁷ Section VI.D.I.a. of the Nationwide Agreement requires the Applicant to review publicly available records to identify within the APE for visual effects: i) properties listed in the National Register; ii) properties formally determined eligible for listing by the Keeper of the National Register; iii) properties that the SHPO/THPO certifies are in the process of being nominated to the National Register; iv) properties previously determined eligible as part of a consensus determination of eligibility between the SHPO/THPO and a Federal Agency or local government representing the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and, v) properties listed in the SHPO/THPO Inventory that the SHPO/THPO has previously evaluated and found to meet the National Register criteria, and that are identified accordingly in the SHPO/THPO Inventory.

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| NRHP | NRIS# | Stony | Creek- | Roughly Thimble Islands Road 2,575-feet 20 | |
|--------|----------|-------------------|---------|--|--|
| Listed | 88002844 | Thimble | Islands | between Rt. 146 and Long Island | |
| | | Historic District | | Sound and the Thimble Islands | |

b. Provide the name and address (including U.S. Postal Service ZIP Code) of each Historic Property in the APE for visual effects, not listed in Attachment 8a, identified through the comments of Indian Tribes, NHOs, local governments, or members of the public. Identify each individual or group whose comments led to the inclusion of a Historic Property in this attachment. For each such property, describe how it satisfies the criteria of eligibility (36 C.F.R. Part 63).

As of the date of this report, EBI has not received comments from Indian Tribes, NHOs, local governments, or members of the public that identify Historic Properties in the APE for visual effects that are not listed in Attachment 8a.

c. For any properties listed on Attachment 8a that the Applicant considers no longer eligible for inclusion in the National Register, explain the basis for this recommendation.

EBI does not consider any of the properties listed in Attachment 8a no longer eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Attachment 9. Historic Properties Identified in the APE for Direct Effects

a. List all properties identified in Attachment 8a or 8b that are within the APE for direct effects.

Based on a review of the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism's files conducted by Mr. William Keegan, Historical Geographer & GIS Specialist of Heritage Consultants, LLC on October 19, 2009, no Historic Properties were identified within the APE for direct effects.

b. Provide the name and address (including U.S. Postal Service ZIP Code) of each property in the APE for direct effects, not listed in Attachment 9a, that the Applicant considers to be eligible for listing in the National Register as a result of the Applicant's research. For each such property, describe how it satisfies the criteria of eligibility (36 C.F.R. Part 63). For each property that was specifically considered and determined not to be eligible, describe why it does not satisfy the criteria of eligibility.

The Project Site location consists of historically undeveloped land. This location is not known to be associated to people or events significant in our past.

c. Describe the techniques and the methodology, including any field survey, used to identify Historic Properties within the APE for direct effects.⁸ If no archeological field survey was performed, provide a report substantiating that: i) the depth of previous disturbance exceeds the proposed construction depth (excluding footings and other anchoring mechanisms) by at least 2 feet; or, ii) geomorphological evidence indicates that cultural resource-bearing soils do not occur within the project area or may occur but at depths that exceed 2 feet below the proposed construction depth.⁹

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⁸ Pursuant to Section VI.D.2.a. of the Nationwide Agreement, Applicants shall make a reasonable and good faith effort to identify above ground and archeological historic properties, including buildings, structures, and historic districts, that lie within the APE for direct effects. Such reasonable and good faith efforts may include a field survey where appropriate.

⁹ Under Section VI.D.2.d. of the Nationwide Agreement, an archeological field survey is required even if none of these conditions applies, if an Indian tribe or NHO provides evidence that supports a high probability of the presence of intact archeological Historic properties within the APE for direct effects.

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As noted in Attachment 9a, a review of the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism's files was conducted by on October 19, 2009 by Mr. Keegan of Heritage Consultants, LLC, in order to identify listed Historic Properties within the APE for direct effects. In addition, Lauren Mehringer, Staff Scientist, of EBI Consulting completed a field survey of the APE for direct effects in order to identify any additional Historic Properties located within the APE for direct effects that were not listed in the SHPO inventories. The results of these activities were provided to Stephen Forrest, Historian, of EBI Consulting who then completed an evaluation of National Register eligibility for properties located within the APE for direct effects.

Dr. David W. Perry, PhD of Archaeobotanical Research completed an evaluation of the proposed Project Site, which included shovel test pits (STPs), for the likelihood of containing archeological Historic Properties. Please refer to the attached report documenting the findings of this project review by a qualified archaeologist including a description of the techniques and the methodology used to identify Historic Properties within the APE for direct effects. This report concludes "it is evident that the APE-DE does not possess the potential to produce significant archaeological resources. All shovel test pits (STPs) were negative for cultural remains, and the depositional environment in the APE-DE was shown to be either significantly disturbed, or insufficiently deep to preserve cultural materials. For this reason, it is my professional opinion that no further work is necessary in conjunction with this project."

Applicant's Name: _ Project Name: _

T-Mobile Northeast, LLC

Amtrak Branford 2

Project Number: <u>CTNH802B</u>

Phase I Archaeological Sensitivity Assessment and Literature Review

Prepared for: T-Mobile c/o HPC Development, LLC 5827 Shamrock Court Hamburg, NY, 14075



CTNH802B/Amtrak Branford 2 Pleasant Point Road Branford, New Haven County Connecticut 06405 EBI Project No. 61096154

March 2010

PREPARED BY DAVID W. PERRY, Ph.D. FOR EBI CONSULTING
21 B STREET
BURLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01803
(800) 786-2346

Management Summary

The Project Site is located off of Pleasant Point Road, Branford, New Haven County, Connecticut (Figure 1). T-Mobile proposes to construct a 150-foot (45.7m) monopole at the Project Site, within a 50-foot by 50-foot (15.2m by 15.2m) fenced compound located within a 100-foot by 100-foot (30.5m by 30.5m) lease area. The Project Site will be accessed by a proposed 12-foot wide gravel access drive and easement. A proposed utility pole will connect proposed overhead electrical and telecommunications from existing sources.

The Area of Potential Effects—Direct Effects (APE-DE) includes the 100' by 100' (30.5m by 30.5m) lease area, utility corridor, and access road.

The historic maps of the Project Site demonstrate that the Project Site remained undeveloped from the mid-19th century. The site visit further indicates that there has been no significant historic use of the Project Site. No further testing of the Project Site is necessary for historic resources; however, the Project Site is in an environmental context would have been particularly attractive for Native American groups. The potential for encountering precontact resources cannot be ruled out. Therefore, archaeological testing is recommended for the level, dry portions of the APE-DE. The testing should take the form of shovel test pits (STPs).

Given the results of sub-surface testing, it is evident that the APE-DE does not possess the potential to produce significant archaeological resources. All shovel test pits (STPs) were negative for cultural remains, and the depositional environment in the APE-DE was shown to be either significantly disturbed, or insufficiently deep to preserve cultural materials. For this reason, it is my professional opinion that no further work is necessary in conjunction with this project.

Introduction

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires licensees and their representatives to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties, in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (Federal Communications Commission 1996). Historic properties include Native American or European-American archaeological sites, architectural resources (historic districts and standing structures), objects, and traditional cultural properties. Applicants are required to assess and report all potential environmental effects as part of Section 106 process, prior to construction.

The survey was conducted by David W. Perry, Ph.D., on November 2, 2009, in partial fulfillment of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, and in accordance with state guidelines (Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office). It is intended to provide information that will enable the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office to review the subject project. The Principal Investigator meets and/or exceeds the qualifications described in the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Guidelines (Federal Register 48:190:44738-44739) (United States Department of the Interior1983). Background research was conducted at the State Archaeologist Office. The objective of the archaeological fieldwork was to identify any archaeological sites within the Area of Potential Effects—Direct Effects (APE-DE).

The Project and Project Site

The Project Site is located off of Pleasant Point Road, Branford, New Haven County, Connecticut (Figure 1). T-Mobile proposes to construct a 150-foot (45.7m) monopole at the Project Site, within a 50-foot by 50-foot (15.2m by 15.2m) fenced compound located within a 100-foot by 100-foot (30.5m by 30.5m) lease area. The Project Site will be accessed by a proposed 12-foot wide gravel access drive and easement. A proposed utility pole will connect proposed overhead electrical and telecommunications from existing sources (Figures 2 and 3).

The Area of Potential Effects—Direct Effects (APE-DE) includes the 100' by 100' (30.5m by 30.5m) lease area, utility corridor, and access road.

Subject Property

The Subject Property is an approximately 9.4-acre (3.80 ha) lot that is predominantly occupied by woodlands and several existing railroad tracks. The railroad tracks are located on the western portion of the Subject Property. Surrounding properties consist primarily of undeveloped woods.

Environmental Setting

According to the 1985 Branford, Connecticut and 1985 Guilford, Connecticut United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5- Minute Topographic Quadrangle (Figure 1), the Project Site is located adjacent to wetlands and tidal estuaries approximately one miles (1.6km) north of Long Island Sound. The site is at an elevation of approximately 50' (15.2m) above mean sea level

(amsl). There are numerous water resources in the general vicinity, which would have made it attractive for use by pre-contact groups.

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection indicates that the Project Site is underlain by a complex of granite and granitic gneiss (Rodgers 1985). The possible presence of quartzite in the vicinity would indicate that there may have been resources for stone tool production available to precontact groups.

According to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey (WSS), the dominant soil types on the Project Site are Raynham silt loam (10C) and Cheshire-Holyoke complex, 3 to 15 percent slope (77c). The first of these are poorly-drained, deep silty loam deposits from glaciofluvial deposits derived from granite, schist, and gneiss, while the Cheshire-Holyoke complex consists of possibly shallower and rockier sediments sometimes containing boulders (Web Soil Survey 2009).

Cultural Background

Archaeological research into the prehistory of the Northeast has provided an emerging consensus that the region experienced both increasing sedentism and economic complexity from at least the Middle Archaic period (ca. 8000 B. P.). The development of mast forest cover during this time would have provided significant food both for human groups and the animals they hunted. Over time, and increasing preference (or perhaps visibility) for sites located on the margins of different ecological zones (e.g. upland and wetland, or marine and estuarine) can be discerned. In terms of this project, the location of the Project Site on a hill overlooking what was likely a sizable wetland not distant from the coast would have made it an attractive location for hunting, as well as gathering wetland and coastal resources (McWeeney and Perry 1999; Jones 1999). Such activities remained important even after the introduction of maize horticulture in the Middle Woodland, and would have continued to be significant through the cultural disruptions and population movements of the contact period (Chilton 2002; Bragdon While similar contexts and resources were also utilized in earlier prehistory 1996). (McWeeney 2007; Forrest 1999), environmental conditions were markedly different, and are not as likely to have approximated present conditions. While the prehistoric use of this location during the Paleoindian and early Archaic periods is not impossible, the most likely evidence to be present is that from the Archaic through the Contact period. Such evidence is likely to consist of small artifact scatters representing the varied use of this location rather than large-scale settlements. Such archaeological evidence is becoming increasingly important to our understanding of the past in the Northeast (c.f. Reith 2008).

Known Archaeological Sites

According to the site files of the Connecticut Office of the State Archaeologist (OSA), there are II previously documented archaeological sites located within one mile (I.6km) of the APE-DE. The table below lists these sites with a brief description.

| Site Number | Description |
|-------------|--|
| 14-002 | Archaic/Woodland habitation site |
| 14-003 | Archaic/Woodland hunting camp |
| 14-004 | Archaic/Woodland special function site |
| 14-005 | Archaic/Woodland Site—wide range of lithic artifacts |
| 14-006 | Transitional Archaic/Woodland Site—wide range of lithic artifacts, pottery |
| 14-014 | Contact Period SiteIndigenous pottery, European trade goods |
| 14-027 | Contact period rockshelter site—wide range of artifacts |
| 14-028 | Contact period site—abundant faunal remains |
| 14-033 | Contact period site—firepits present |
| 14-038 | Prehistoric Site—no details available |
| 14-042 | Prehistoric Site—no details available |

All of these sites are located in the portion of the I-mile (I.6km) radius to the south and west of the Project Site. They are found in a variety of ecological contexts, from upland, inland sites to sites along the coast. These sites also indicate that this area was the locus of significant settlement during the Archaic/Woodland Periods through European contact. While none of these resources will be impacted by the current project, they do indicate that this area is an important area for our understanding the later prehistory and contact period of Southern New England. Moreover, the project site is located in an ecological setting similar to several of these sites.

Prior Cultural Resource Surveys

According to files at the Connecticut Office of the State Archaeologist (OSA), there were no cultural resource surveys conducted on or adjacent to the APE-DE.

National/State Register Files

According to the site files of the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office there are no previously documented National / State Register properties located on or adjacent to the APEDE.

Historic Map Review

A review of historical cartographical evidence available from the University of Connecticut and other sources revealed some details about the development of the Project Site over the past 160 years. In 1852, the east-west railroad tracks were in place just south of the Project Site, but no other development can be seen in the vicinity (Whiteford 1852; Figure 4). There are no buildings/structures shown on or adjacent to the Project Site. The situation remains the same on the available 19th-century topographical maps (USGS 1892; Figure 5), though Pleasant Point Road is now in place. Examination of 20th-century USGS topographic maps suggests that the Subject remained undeveloped though the east-west rail bed was moved south between 1892 and 1914 (USGS 1914; Figure 6). By 1954, the north-south rail line near the Project Site is visible (USGS 1954; Figure 7). In no case, however, are there any structures visible near the Project Site.

Archaeological Sensitivity of the APE-DE

The sensitivity of the APE-DE for historic resources is low. Review of the historic maps and aerial photos revealed no buildings/structures or other features on or adjacent to the Project Site. There is little chance the proposed project will disturb historical archaeological resources.

The precontact sensitivity of the site is high. The APE-DE is on a hill overlooking a tidal estuary. There are known archaeological sites in the vicinity which are both more distant from the coast, and more distant from water than the Project Site. Depending on the depth and integrity of the soil conditions, it is possible that significant archaeological resources may be present at this site.

Site Visit and Recommendations

A preliminary site visit was conducted in October of 2009. At this time, vegetation cover obscured many features which would indicate the limited archaeological potential of the site. A second site visit was conducted on March 11, 2010 as part of the proposed subsurface testing. At this time, the visibility of ground conditions was much improved. The proposed site access is relatively level and follows the path of an abandoned rail bed (Photos 1-2). The APE-DE is located on undeveloped wooded land bounded on the west by a rail yard and on the south by an abandoned rail bed (Photos 3 and 4). The portion of the APE-DE where is tower compound is to be located is relatively level (Photos 5-6). A rough stone wall cuts across the southern portion of the lease area (Photo 5). No other topographic anomalies or other features were noted in the APE-DE that would indicate historic use of the site.

The historic maps of the Project Site demonstrate that the Project Site remained undeveloped from the mid-19th century. The site visit further indicates that there has been no significant historic use of the Project Site. No further testing of the Project Site is necessary for historic resources; however, the Project Site is in an environmental context would have been particularly attractive for Native American groups. The potential for encountering precontact resources cannot be ruled out. Therefore, archaeological testing is recommended for the level, dry portions of the APE-DE to determine the archaeological potential of the subsurface profile of the site. The testing should take the form of shovel test pits (STPs).

Phase IB Sub-surface testing

Shovel test pits (STPs) were excavated to document the presence/absence of archaeological resources in the APE-DE. Each STP was 50 centimeters (20 in) across and placed at 15 meter (50 ft) intervals or less. The soil from each STP was screened through 0.64 centimeter (0.25 in) hardware cloth and carefully examined for precontact and historic cultural materials. The ground surface was restored to original contours upon the completion of each STP. A total of 16 test pits were excavated, none of which produced cultural remains (see Figures 8 and 9 for the locations). These will be briefly described below.

The STPs can be described in four groups based on the observed stratigraphy and their location within the APE-DE. STPs I-3 were placed on the proposed access road which leads from Pleasant Point road across a field adjacent to a small stream. Subsurface testing revealed a shallow layer of humic topsoil overlying a hydric soil. All three pits were terminated when the water was encountered.

The second group (STPs 4-7) was placed on the path of the proposed access road on what appeared to be an abandoned rail bed. These pits consisted of a gravel and sand fill layer, which was clearly not a natural soil. Further evidence that this area was heavily disturbed include a culvert constructed through the bed for drainage—in which unworked chert cobbles could be seen. Nonetheless, while raw materials for stone tools were clearly present at this site, no cultural materials were found.

The third group of test pits (STPs 8-10) was excavated on the portion of the proposed access drive which extends from the rail bed up a slope toward the lease area. This area was significantly sloped, though it was judged prudent to test it to confirm that the deposits were unlikely to contain cultural material. The results indicate that the shallow soils on this slope are likely derived from leaf litter—as they were very loamy and contained a high quantity of decaying organic material, such as leaves, bark and nuts. That this material was homogeneously distributed through the layer suggests that this material has been churned by erosion or animal activity. Bedrock was found immediately below this material.

The final group of test pits included the final approach to the lease area as well as the lease area itself (STPs II-I6). These were located on a relatively level area at the summit of the slope, and consisted of a shallow humic layer underlain by lithic bedrock. The trees in this area were sparse and consisted of taxa which grow in shallow soils. The stone wall which passes through a corner of the lease area was placed directly on the bedrock.

In sum, it is evident that the APE-DE does not possess the potential to produce significant archaeological resources. All shovel test pits (STPs) were negative for cultural remains, and the depositional environment in the APE-DE was shown to be either significantly disturbed, or insufficiently deep to preserve cultural materials. For this reason, it is my professional opinion that no further work is necessary in conjunction with this project.

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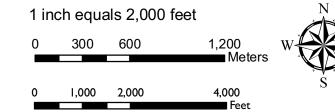
Legend

Project Site

Project Site Radius at 1 Mile

USGS 24k Quad: Branford, CT 1985 and Guilford, CT 1985

CTNH802B/Amtrack Branford 2 **Pleasant Point Road**



Source: Selected data from USGS and EBI.

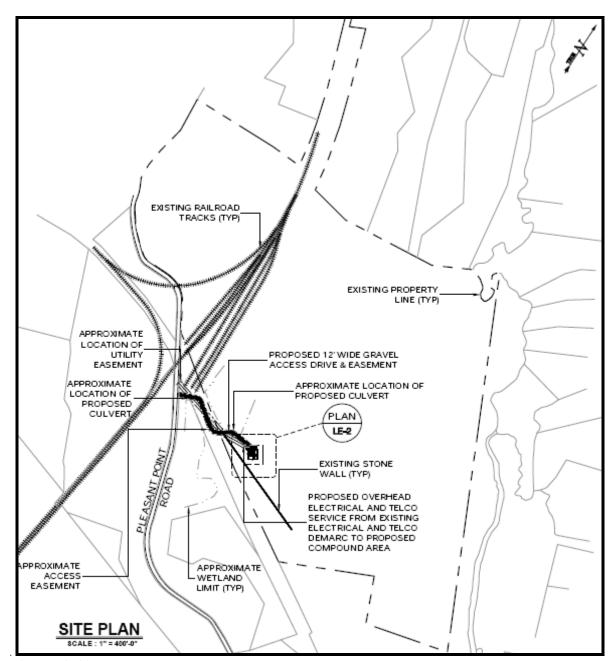


Figure 2 Site Plan

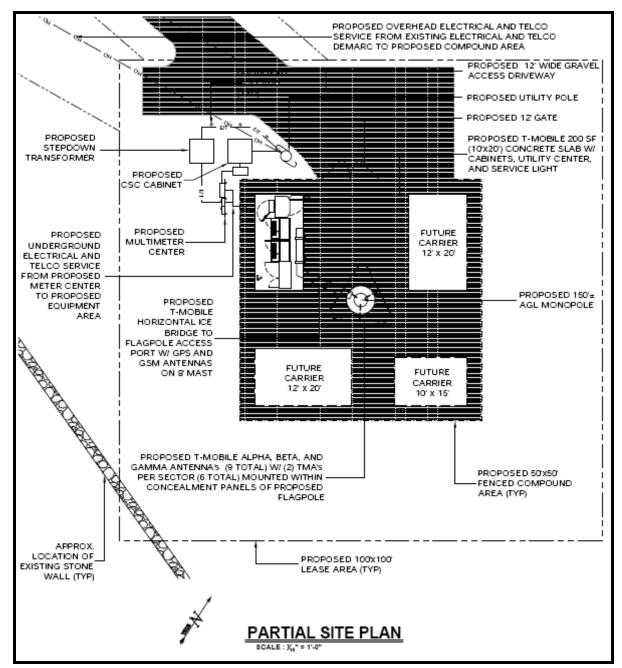


Figure 3 Project Plan

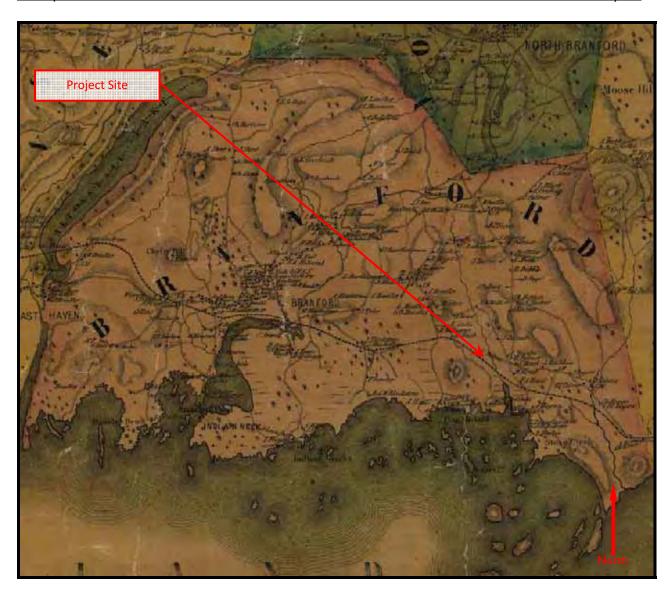


Figure 4 1852 Whiteford Map of New Haven County, Connecticut



Figure 5 1892 USGS 15' Topographical Quadrangle, New Haven, CT.

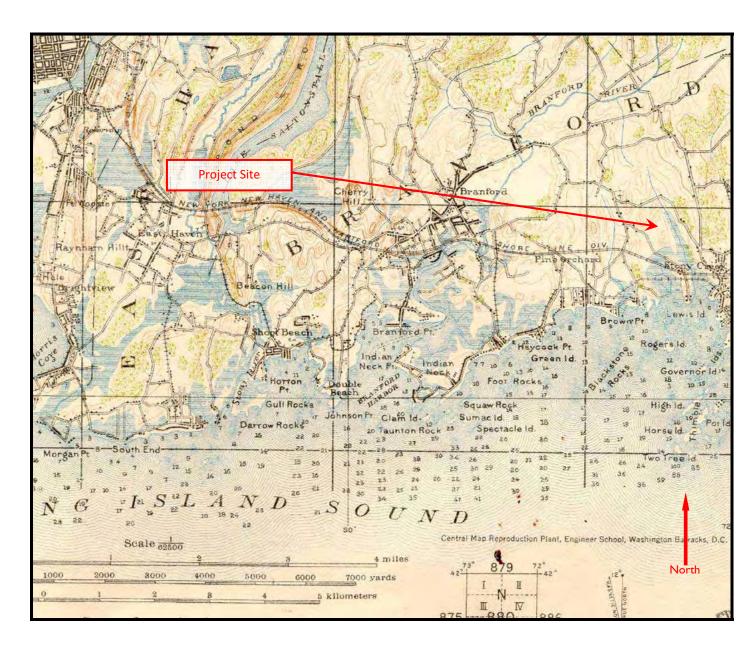


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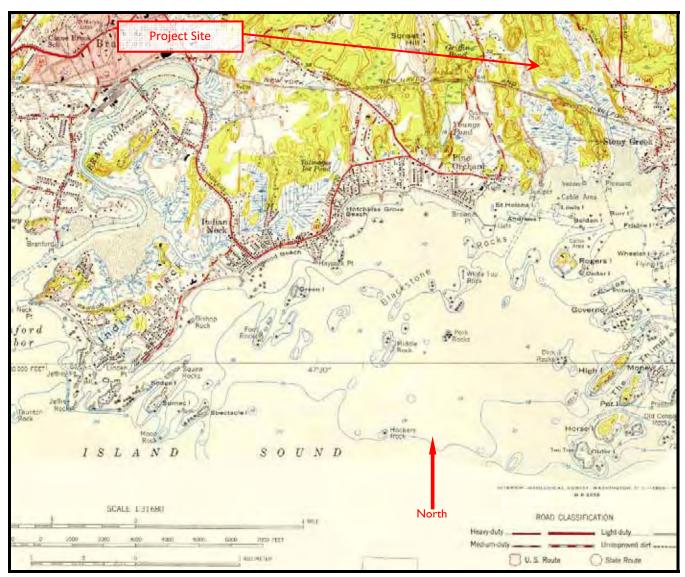


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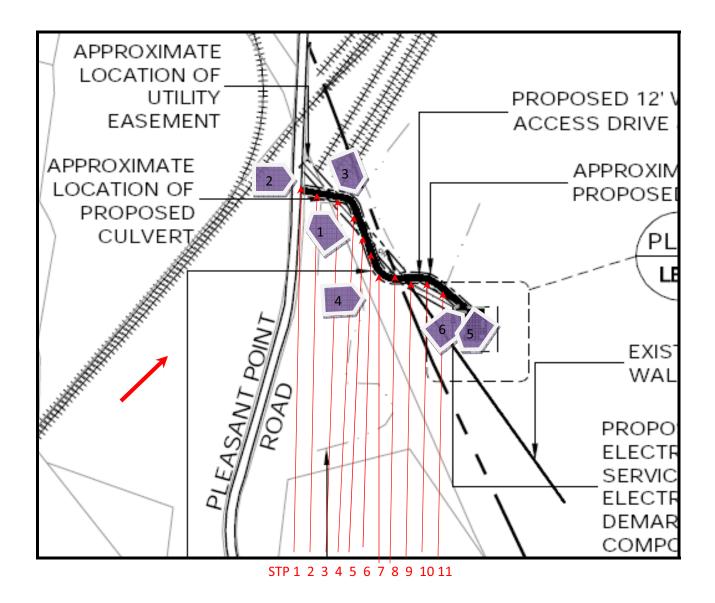


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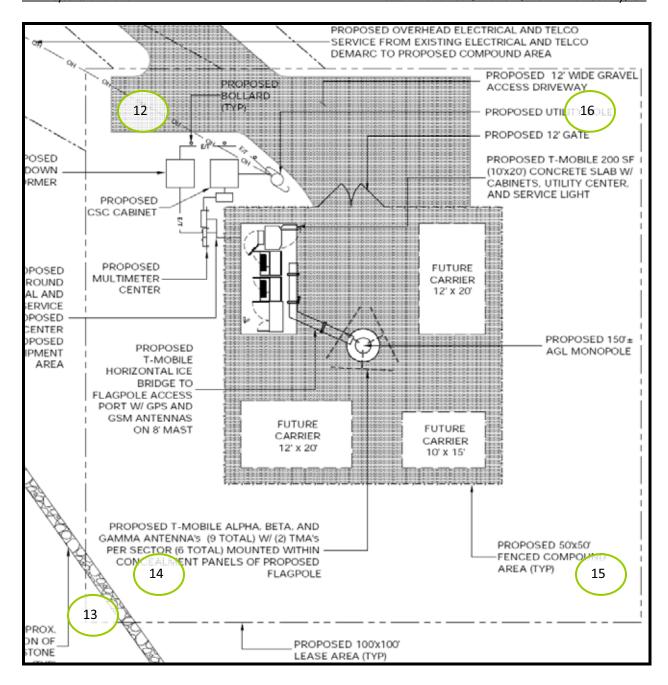


Figure 9 Detail of the lease area showing locations of Shovel Test Pits (STPs)

Shovel Test Pit (STP) log

| TEST # | <u>DEPTH</u> | <u>STRATUM</u> | COLOR | SOIL TYPE | ARTIFACTS/ |
|--------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 20.000 | Δ. | Daula Buarra | Lagra | COMMENTS* |
| 1 | 26cm | Α | Dark Brown | Loam | STP terminated when water |
| 2 | 22 | | 5 1 5 | | table was encountered. |
| 2 | 22cm | A | Dark Brown | Loam | STP terminated when water |
| | | | | | table was encountered. |
| 3 | 34cm | Α | Dark Brown | Loam | STP terminated when water |
| | | | - | | table was encountered. |
| 4 | 30cm | Α | Grey | Gravel, sand | Fill from rail bed construction |
| 5 | 30cm | Α | Grey | Gravel, sand | Fill from rail bed construction |
| 6 | 30cm | Α | Grey | Gravel, sand | Fill from rail bed construction |
| 7 | 30cm | А | Grey | Gravel, sand | Fill from rail bed construction |
| 8 | 28cm | Α | Brown | Loam | Bioturbation evident from |
| | | | | | mixed nuts/leaves throughout |
| | | | | | layer |
| 8 | 28- | В | Yellow | Sandy Clay | Sterile subsoil layer |
| | 52cm | | | | |
| 9 | 24cm | Α | Brown | Loam | Bioturbation evident from |
| | | | | | mixed nuts/leaves throughout |
| | | | | | layer |
| 9 | 24- | В | Yellow | Sandy Clay | Sterile subsoil layer— |
| | 46cm | | | | underlain by bedrock or |
| | | | | | boulder |
| 10 | 27cm | Α | Brown | Loam | Bioturbation evident from |
| | | | | | mixed nuts/leaves throughout |
| | | | | | layer |
| 10 | 27- | В | Yellow | Sandy Clay | Sterile subsoil layer— |
| | 35cm | | | | underlain by bedrock |
| 11 | 15cm | Α | Dark Brown | Loam | NCM—underlain by bedrock |
| | | | | | |
| 12 | 17cm | A | Dark Brown | Loam | NCM—underlain by bedrock |
| 13 | 37cm | Α | Dark Brown | Loam | NCM—underlain by bedrock |
| | | | | | |
| 14 | 12cm | A | Dark Brown | Loam | NCM—underlain by bedrock |
| 15 | 8cm | Α | Dark Brown | Loam | NCM—underlain by bedrock |
| | | | | | |
| 16 | 5cm | А | Dark Brown | Loam | NCM—underlain by bedrock |
| | | | | | |



1. Facing west toward the beginning of the proposed access road.



2. Facing northeast towards the Project Site on the access.



3. View east of the proposed access on an abandoned rail bed.



4. Facing northeast from the rail bed upslope toward the lease area.



5. Facing south from the center of the lease area toward the existing stone wall.



6. View north of the lease area.

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Attachment 10. Effects on Identified Properties

For each property identified as a Historic Property in Attachments 8 and 9:

a. Indicate whether the Applicant believes the proposed undertaking would have a) no effect; b) no adverse effect; or, c) an adverse effect. Explain how each such assessment was made. Provide supporting documentation where necessary.

Based on a review of the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism's files conducted by Mr. Keegan, on October 19, 2009, the results of any comments received from Indian Tribes, NHOs, local governments, or members of the public that identify Historic Properties in the APE for visual effects that are not listed in Attachment 8a, and the results of Stephen Forrest, Historian, of EBI Consulting evaluation of each property in the APE for direct effects, not listed in Attachment 9a, according to the National Register of Historic Places criteria of eligibility (36 C.F.R. Part 63), the following Historic Properties have been identified within the APE and the effect of the project on each property are outlined as follows.

| NRHP/ Inventory Number | Historic Property Name | Effect Determination | Explanation of Effect Determination | EBI Photo No. |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---|---------------------|
| NRIS# 85001058 | Frisbie, Edward, | No Effect | | 19 |
| | Homestead | | | |
| NRIS# | Palmer, | No Effect | Based upon the regional topography, | 21 |
| 88002641 | Hezekiah, House | | separating distance and height of local vegetation, the proposed tower is unlikely to | |
| NRIS# | Stony | No Effect | be visible from these locations. | 20 |
| 88002844 | Creek- | . 10000 | | |
| | Thimble | | | |
| | Islands | | | |
| | Historic | | | |
| | District | | | |

b. Provide copies of any correspondence and summaries of any oral communications with the SHPO/THPO.

As of the date of this report, there has been no correspondence with the SHPO/THPO.

c. Describe any alternatives that have been considered that might avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects. Explain the Applicant's conclusion regarding the feasibility of each alternative.

As noted in Attachment 10, no adverse effects are expected as a result of the proposed facility; therefore alternatives that might avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects need not be considered.

Attachment II. Photographs

Except in cases where no Historic Properties were identified within the Areas of Potential Effects, submit photographs as described below. Photographs should be in color, marked so as to identify the project, keyed to the relevant map (see Item 12 below) or text, and dated; the focal length of the lens should be noted. The source of any photograph included but not taken by the Applicant or its consultant (including copies of historic images) should be identified on the photograph.

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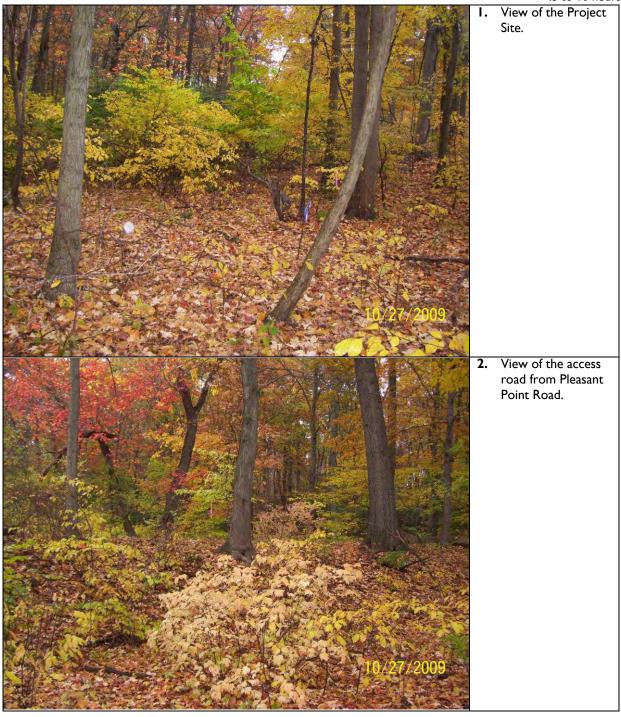
- a. Photographs taken from the tower site showing views from the proposed location in all directions. The direction (e.g., north, south, etc.) should be indicated on each photograph, and, as a group, the photographs should present a complete (360 degree) view of the area around the proposed tower.
- b. Photographs of all listed and eligible properties within the Areas of Potential Effects.
- c. If any listed or eligible properties are visible from the proposed tower site, photographs looking at the tower site from each historic property. The approximate distance in feet (meters) between the site and the historic property should be included.
- d. Aerial photos of the APE for visual effects, if available.

Please see the attached Photographs, which were taken by Lauren Mehringer, Staff Scientist, of EBI Consulting on October 27, 2009, unless otherwise noted. A photograph location map is included in Attachment 12, Maps.

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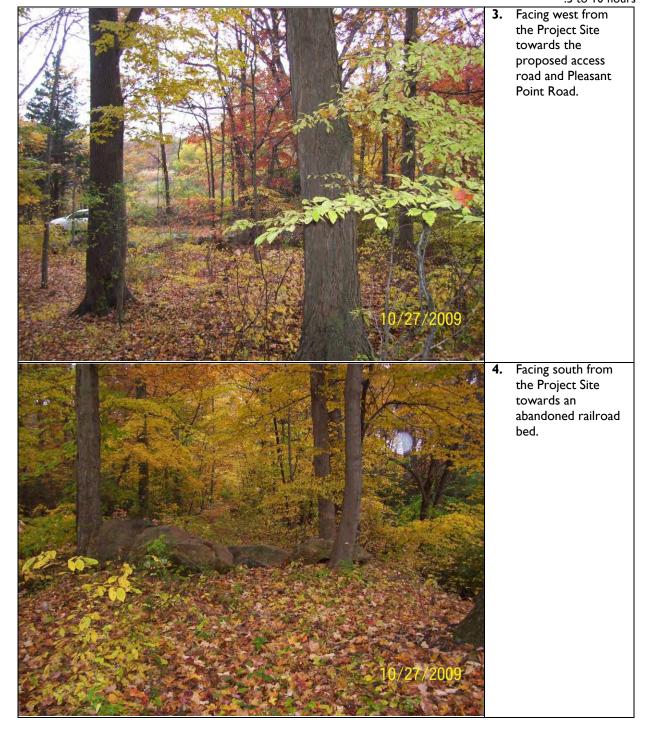


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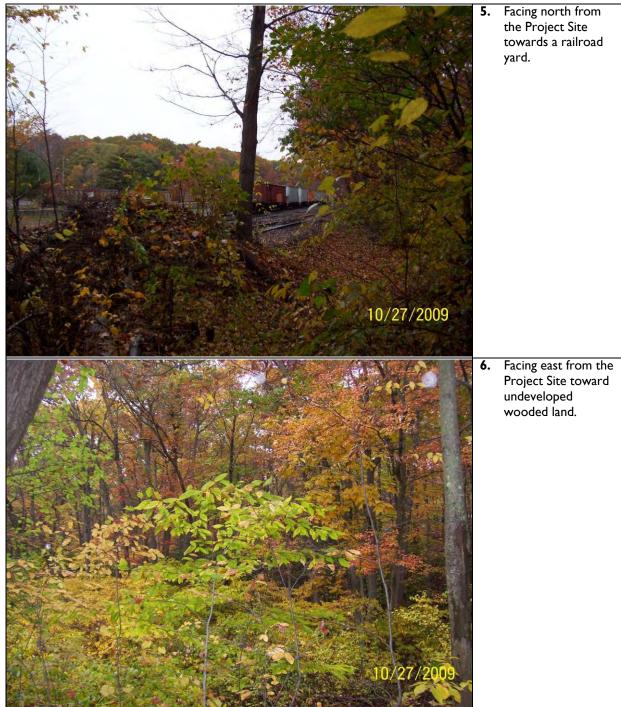
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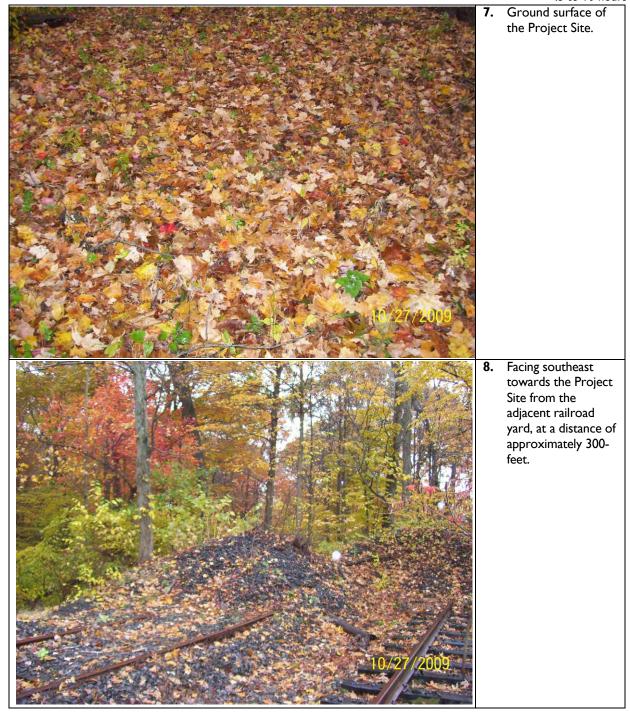


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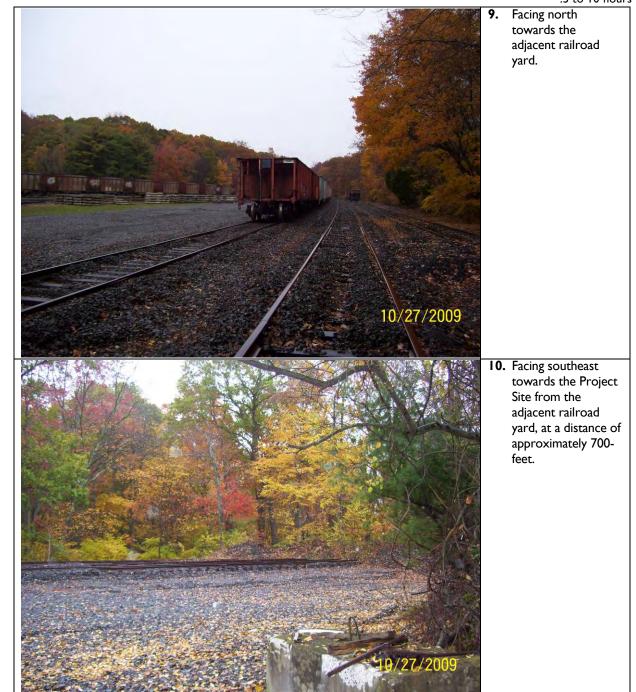
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II. Facing north towards the Project Site from Pleasant Point Road, at distance of 725-feet.



12. Facing northwest towards the Project Site from Pleasant Point Road, at a distance of 2,000feet.

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13. Facing southeast towards the Project Site from Pleasant Point Road, at a distance of approximately 900-feet.



14. Facing southeast towards the Project Site from Pleasant Point Road, at a distance of approximately 1,850-feet.

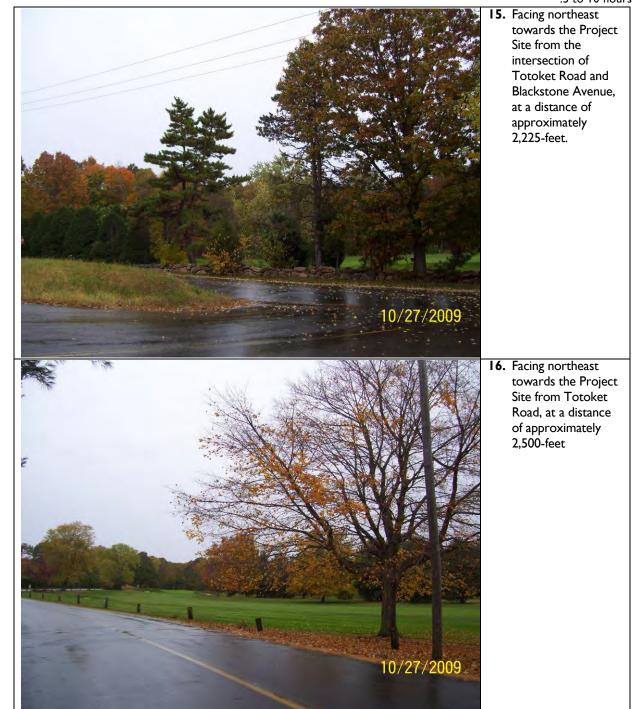
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17. Facing southeast towards the Project Site from the intersection of Whiting Farm Road and Stony Creek Road, at a distance of approximately 3,000-feet.



18. Facing south towards the Project Site from the intersection of Pine Tree Drive and Stony Creek Road, at a distance of approximately 2,500-feet.

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19. View of the Palmer
Hezekian House
(340-408 Stony
Creek Road) as well
as the northern
boundary of the
Stony CreekThimble Islands
Historic District.



20. Facing west towards the Project Site from the Palmer, Hezekian, House as well as the northern boundary of the Stony Creek-Thimble Islands Historic District. This location is at the intersection of Stony Creek Road, Leetes Island Road and Thimble Island Road, at approximate distance of 2,575 feet from the Project Site.

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21. View of the Frisbie Edward Homestead at 240 Stony Creek Road.



22. Facing west toward the Project Site from the Frisbie Edward Homestead at a distance of approximately 2,375-feet.

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Attachment 12. Maps

Include one or more 7.5-minute quad USGS topographical maps that:

- a. Identify the Areas of Potential Effects for both direct and visual effects. If a map is copied from the original, include a key with name of quad and date.
- b. Show the location of the proposed tower site and any new access roads or other easements including excavations.
- c. Show the locations of each property listed in Attachments 8 and 9.
- d. Include keys for any symbols, colors, or other identifiers.

The following maps have been attached to this report:

Street Map (Figure 1)

Topographic Map (Figure 2)

Photo-location Map

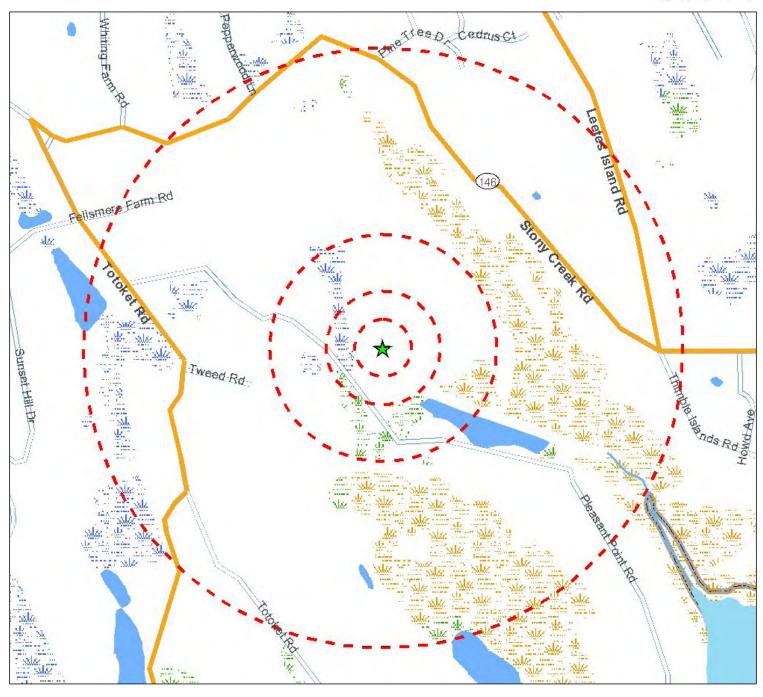
Project Area and Known Cultural Resources Map

Site Plans/Lease Exhibits provided by MetroPCS NE.

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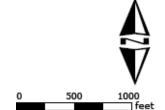
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Figure 1 - Site Location Map

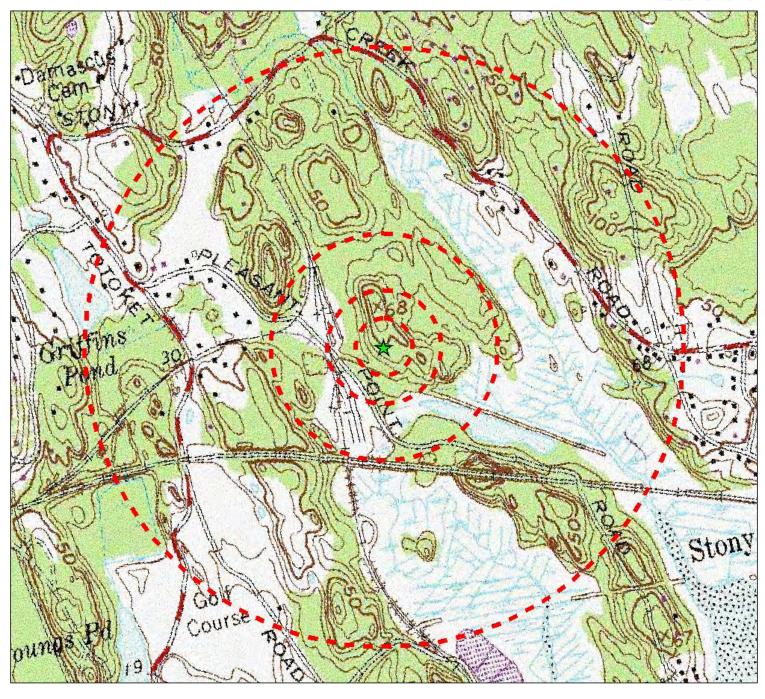
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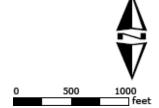


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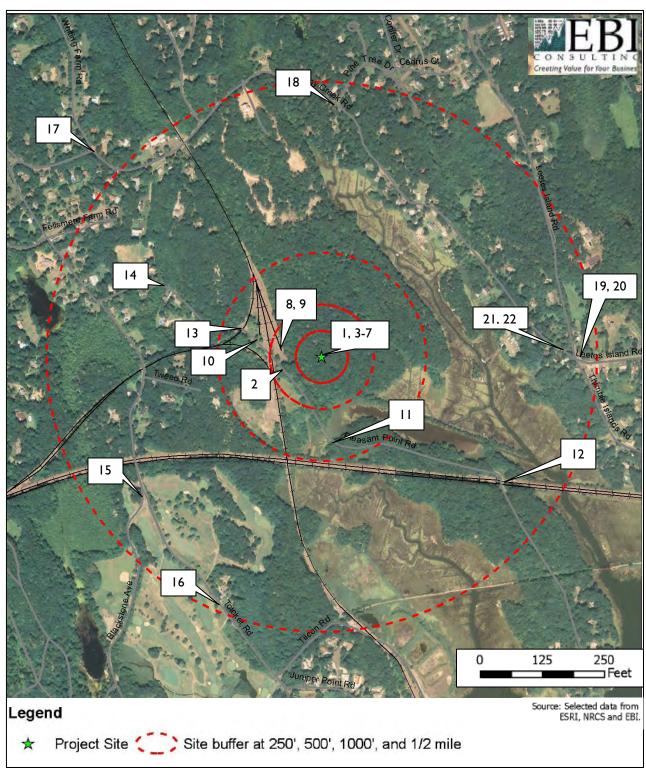


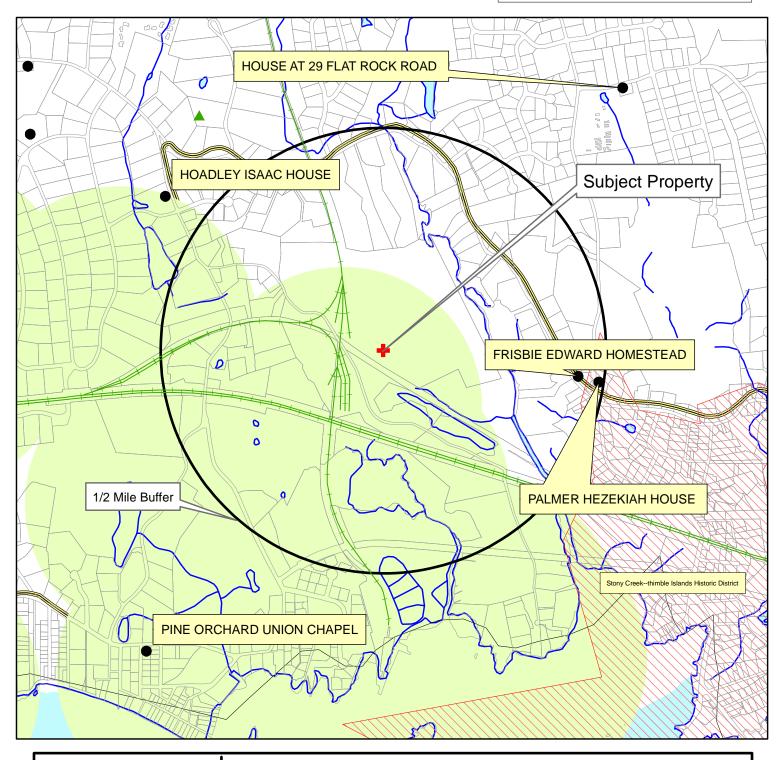
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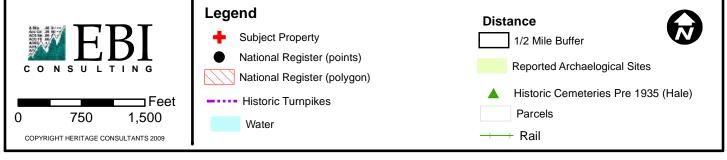
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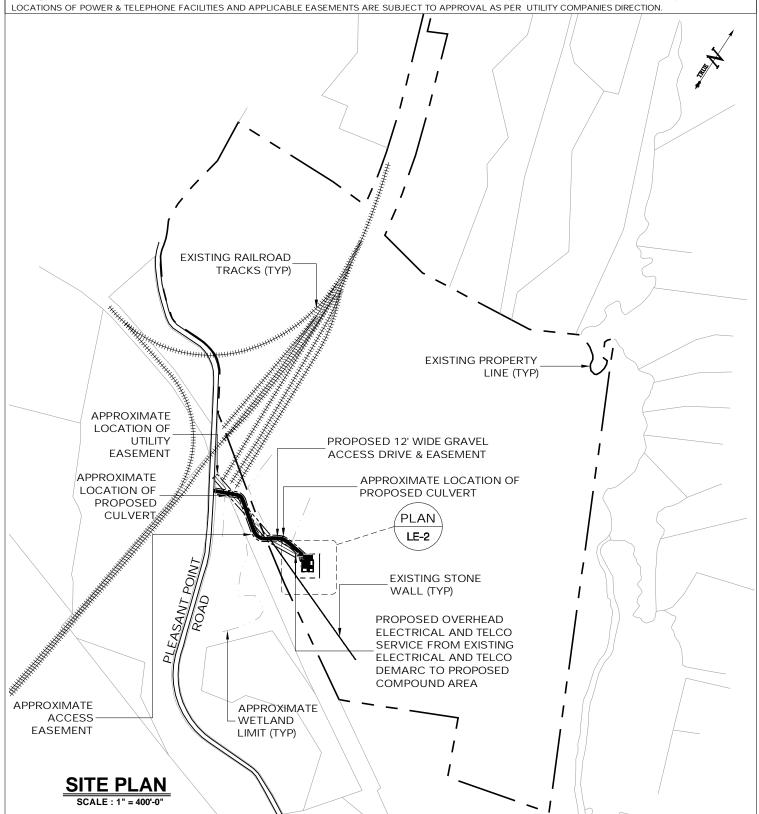
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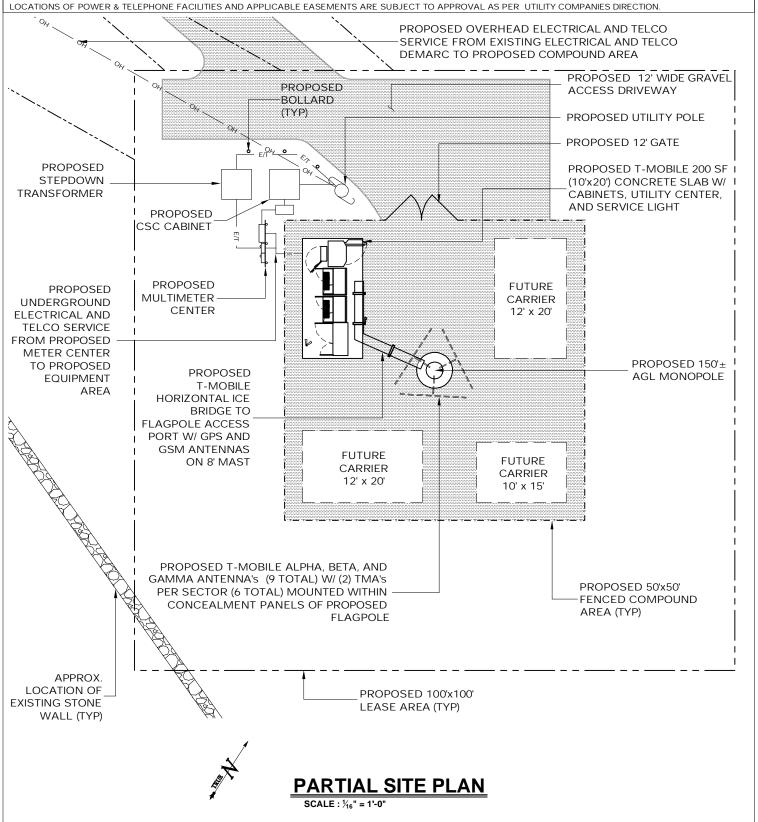
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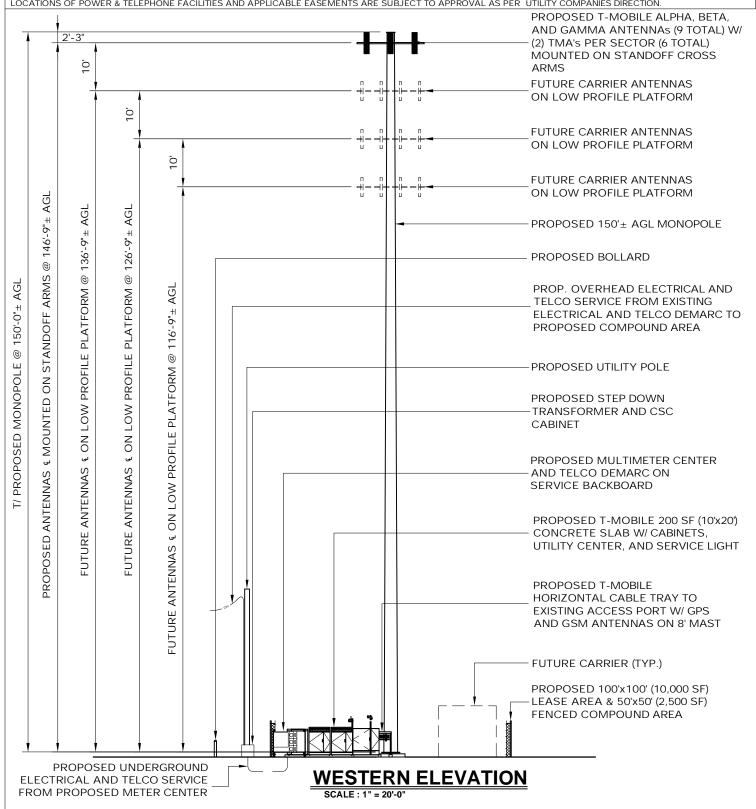
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Submission Packet Works Cited:

All-Points Technology Corporation, PC. Drawings for T-Mobile Northeast, LLC: "CTNH802B Amtrak Branford 2", dated 09/21/09.

CT SHPO File Review: October 19, 2009, performed by Mr. William Keegan, Historical Geographer & GIS Specialist, Heritage Consultants, LLC.

USGS Topographic Map, Branford, CT 1985.

FCC NOTICE TO INDIVIDUALS REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT AND THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

The FCC is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the personal information we request in this form. We will use the information provided in the application to determine whether approving this application is in the public interest. If we believe there may be a violation or potential violation of a FCC statute, regulation, rule or order, your application may be referred to the Federal, state or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing or implementing the statute, rule, regulation or order. In certain cases, the information in your application may be disclosed to the Department of Justice or a court or adjudicative body when (a) the FCC; (b) any employee of the FCC; or (c) the United States Government is a party to a proceeding before the body or has an interest in the proceeding. In addition, all information provided in this form will be available for public inspection.

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Applicant's Name: T-Mobile Northeast, LLC
Project Name: Amtrak Branford 2

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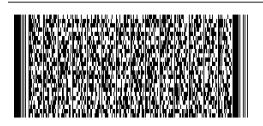
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APPENDIX E TRIBAL CORRESPONDENCE

Tim OBrien

From: towernotifyinfo@fcc.gov

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 3:01 AM

To: Lauren Mehringer

Cc: kim.pristello@fcc.gov; diane.dupert@fcc.gov

Subject: NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION(S) WHICH WERE SENT PROPOSED TOWER

CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION INFORMATION - Email ID #2321583

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for using the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS). The purpose of this electronic mail message is to inform you that the following authorized persons were sent the information you provided through TCNS, which relates to your proposed antenna structure. The information was forwarded by the FCC to authorized TCNS users by electronic mail and/or regular mail (letter).

Persons who have received the information that you provided include leaders or their designees of federally-recognized American Indian Tribes, including Alaska Native Villages (collectively "Tribes"), Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs), and State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs). For your convenience in identifying the referenced Tribes and in making further contacts, the City and State of the Seat of Government for each Tribe and NHO, as well as the designated contact person, is included in the listing below. We note that Tribes may have Section 106 cultural interests in ancestral homelands or other locations that are far removed from their current Seat of Government. Pursuant to the Commission's rules as set forth in the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Review of Effects on Historic Properties for Certain Undertakings Approved by the Federal Communications Commission (NPA), all Tribes and NHOs listed below must be afforded a reasonable opportunity to respond to this notification, consistent with the procedures set forth below, unless the proposed construction falls within an exclusion designated by the Tribe or NHO. (NPA, Section IV.F.4).

The information you provided was forwarded to the following Tribes and NHOs who have set their geographic preferences on TCNS. If the information you provided relates to a proposed antenna structure in the State of Alaska, the following list also includes Tribes located in the State of Alaska that have not specified their geographic preferences. For these Tribes and NHOs, if the Tribe or NHO does not respond within a reasonable time, you should make a reasonable effort at follow-up contact, unless the Tribe or NHO has agreed to different procedures (NPA, Section IV.F.5). In the event such a Tribe or NHO does not respond to a follow-up inquiry, or if a substantive or procedural disagreement arises between you and a Tribe or NHO, you must seek guidance from the Commission (NPA, Section IV.G). These procedures are further set forth in the FCC's Declaratory Ruling released on October 6, 2005 (FCC 05-176).

- 1. THPO Kathleen Knowles Mashantucket Pequot Tribe Mashantucket, CT electronic mail Details: For every tower construction this Tribe requires a site location map, site plans for every project that will result in ground disturbance, and a detailed description of the proposed site. If the proposed tower construction is on an already existing building, the Tribe would like to be informed of that as well.
- 2. Cell Tower Coordinator Sequahna Mars Narragansett Indian Tribe Wyoming, RI electronic mail and regular mail

The information you provided was also forwarded to the additional Tribes and NHOs listed below. These Tribes and NHOs have NOT set their geographic preferences on TCNS, and therefore they are currently receiving tower notifications for the entire United States. For these Tribes and NHOs, you are required to use reasonable and good faith efforts to determine if the Tribe or NHO may attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties that may be affected by its proposed undertaking. Such efforts may include, but are not limited to, seeking information from the relevant SHPO or THPO, Indian Tribes, state agencies, the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, or, where applicable, any federal agency with land holdings within the state (NPA, Section IV.B). If after such reasonable and good faith efforts, you determine that a Tribe or NHO may attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties in the area and the Tribe or NHO does not respond to TCNS notification within a reasonable time, you should make a reasonable effort to follow up, and must seek guidance from the Commission in the event of continued non-response or in the event of a procedural or substantive disagreement. If you determine that the Tribe or NHO is unlikely to attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties within the area, you do not need to take further action unless the Tribe or NHO indicates an interest in the proposed construction or other evidence of potential interest comes to your attention.

None

The information you provided was also forwarded to the following SHPOs in the State in which you propose to construct and neighboring States. The information was provided to these SHPOs as a courtesy for their information and planning. You need make no effort at this time to follow up with any SHPO that does not respond to this notification. Prior to construction, you must provide the SHPO of the State in which you propose to construct (or the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, if the project will be located on certain Tribal lands), with a Submission Packet pursuant to Section VII.A of the NPA.

- 3. SHPO John W Shannahan Connecticut Historical Commission Hartford, CT electronic mail
- 4. SHPO Cara Metz Massachusetts Historical Commission Boston, MA electronic mail
- 5. Deputy SHPO Brona Simon Massachusetts Historical Commission Boston, MA electronic mail
- 6. SHPO Frederick C Williamson Rhode Island Historic Preservation & Heritage Comm Providence, RI regular mail
- 7. Deputy SHPO Edward F Sanderson Rhode Island Historic Preservation & Heritage Comm Providence, RI electronic mail
- 8. SHPO Karen J Senich Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism Hartford, CT electronic mail

If you are proposing to construct a facility in the State of Alaska, you should contact Commission staff for guidance regarding your obligations in the event that Tribes do not respond to this notification within a reasonable time.

Please be advised that the FCC cannot guarantee that the contact(s) listed above opened and reviewed an electronic or regular mail notification. The following information relating to the proposed tower was forwarded to the person(s) listed above:

Notification Received: 10/13/2009

Notification ID: 56956

Tower Owner Individual or Entity Name: T-Mobile

Consultant Name: Lauren A Mehringer

Street Address: 21 B Street

City: Burlington State: MASSACHUSETTS Zip Code: 01803 Phone: 781-418-2329

Email: LMehringer@ebiconsulting.com

Structure Type: UPOLE - Utility Pole/Tower used to provide service (Electric, Telephone,

etc)

Latitude: 41 deg 16 min 35.9 sec N Longitude: 72 deg 46 min 4.0 sec W

Location Description: Pleasant Point Road

City: Branford State: CONNECTICUT County: NEW HAVEN

Ground Elevation: 6.4 meters

Support Structure: 45.7 meters above ground level Overall Structure: 45.7 meters above ground level Overall Height AMSL: 52.1 meters above mean sea level

If you have any questions or comments regarding this notice, please contact the FCC using the electronic mail form located on the FCC's website at:

http://wireless.fcc.gov/outreach/notification/contact-fcc.html.

You may also call the FCC Support Center at (877) 480-3201 (TTY 717-338-2824). Hours are from 8 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays). To provide quality service and ensure security, all telephone calls are recorded.

Thank you, Federal Communications Commission

Lauren Mehringer

From: towernotifyinfo@fcc.gov

Sent: Thursday, May 06, 2010 12:48 PM

To: Lauren Mehringer

Cc: tcns.fccarchive@fcc.gov; KKnowles@mptn-nsn.gov

Subject: Reply to Proposed Tower Structure (Notification ID: 56956) - Email ID #2478847

Follow Up Flag: Follow up Flag Status: Flagged

Dear Lauren A Mehringer,

Thank you for using the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS). The purpose of this email is to inform you that an authorized user of the TCNS has replied to a proposed tower construction notification that you had submitted through the TCNS.

The following message has been sent to you from THPO Kathleen Knowles of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe in reference to Notification ID #56956:

Dear Ms Mehringer,

Regarding Notification ID # 56956, I have reviewed the Phase I Archaeological Sensitivity Assessment & Literature Review entitled "CTNH802B/AMTRAK BRANFORD 2 PLEASANT POINT ROAD, BRANFORD, NEW HAVEN COUNTY, CT 06405, EBI PROJECT NO 61096154," submitted by EBI Consulting. The research design and testing strategy meets acceptable professional standards and I agree with the recommendations and conclusions. Please keep me informed of any further developments with respect to this project.

Kathleen Knowles, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Mashantucket Pequot Tribe

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Lauren Mehringer

From: Lauren Mehringer

Sent: Monday, May 03, 2010 7:30 PM

To: 'Knowles, Kathleen'

Subject: TCNS# 56956 Branford, CT

Attachments: 61096154_Branford_CT_Archaeological_Sensitivity_Assessment[1].pdf

Ms. Knowles,

Please see the attached Preliminary Archeology Assessment for TCNS#56956, Pleasant Point Road, Branford, CT 06405.

The archeological survey was conducted by Dr. David W. Perry, PhD of Archaeobotanical Research in accordance with state guidelines (CT SHPO). Dr. Perry completed an evaluation of the proposed Project Site, which included shovel test pits (STPs), for the likelihood of containing archeological Historic Properties. Please refer to the attached report documenting the findings of this project review by a qualified archaeologist including a description of the techniques and the methodology used to identify Historic Properties within the APE for direct effects. This report concludes "it is evident that the APE-DE does not possess the potential to produce significant archaeological resources. All shovel test pits (STPs) were negative for cultural remains, and the depositional environment in the APE-DE was shown to be either significantly disturbed, or insufficiently deep to preserve cultural materials. For this reason, it is my professional opinion that no further work is necessary in conjunction with this project."

The SHPO submission package along with the Preliminary Archeology Assessment were submitted to the CT SHPO on April 2, 2010. The CT SHPO has not yet responded.

Would you please submit your comments regarding this project? If it is not too much to ask, would you please provide an electronic copy (either via TCNS or via email) of your comments as soon as possible? Thank you very much for your assistance.

Please let me know if you have any further questions. Sincerely,

Lauren Mehringer Staff Scientist EBI Consulting 21 B Street Burlington, MA 01803

Tel: 781-418-2329 \ Fax: 781-418-2379

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Tim OBrien

From: towernotifyinfo@fcc.gov

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2009 4:37 PM

To: Lauren Mehringer

Cc: tcns.fccarchive@fcc.gov; KKnowles@mptn-nsn.gov

Subject: Reply to Proposed Tower Structure (Notification ID: 56956) - Email ID #2322219

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The following message has been sent to you from THPO Kathleen Knowles of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe in reference to Notification ID #56956:

Dear Ms Mehringer,

Regarding Notification ID # 56956, after reviewing the information provided, we have no knowledge of properties of religious and cultural importance to the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe. However, we recommend a Phase I Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey be conducted to identify previously unknown properties of cultural and religious importance. We would appreciate a copy of any work performed on this project.

Kathleen Knowles,

Tribal Historic Preservation Office

Mashantucket Pequot Tribe

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Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office Section 106 Review Consultation Response Form

| TCNS | Notification ID Number: | 56956 | | |
|---------|--|---------------------|--|--|
| Projec | t ID Number | 61096154 | | |
| Consu | ltant/Environmental Firm: | EBI Consulting | | |
| Addre | ss or Location Description: | Pleasant Point Road | | |
| City, S | State: | Branford, CT | | |
| Point o | of Contact/Initial Submission | Lauren memnger | | |
| Respo | nse: | \mathcal{J}^{-1} | | |
| | We have no comments related to the pro | posed project. | | |
| | NITHPO's site examination revealed no indicators of the presence of past tribal cultural resources. On behalf of the Narragansett Indian Tribe, the NITHPO considers this project in compliance with and cleared of the Narragansett Tribe's section 106 concerns. NITHPO anticipates no inadvertent encounters by you or your client with significant intact cultural resources (burials, village sites or ceremonial sites). | | | |
| | Based on information provided to us the site is not to include any ground disturbance and is therefore found to be in compliance with and cleared of the Narragansett Tribe's section 106 concerns. | | | |
| | NITHPO's site examination revealed probable indicators of the presence of past tribal cultural resources, and recommends the following actions: | | | |
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| | | January 2010 | | |

Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office P.O. Box 350 Wyoming, RI 02898

Email: <u>Sequahna@yahoo.com</u> Phone: 401-419-2959 Fax: 401-491-9044



21 B Street Burlington, MA 01803 Tel: (781) 273-2500 Fax: (781) 273.3311

December 2, 2009

Ms. Sequahna Mars NITHPO Narragansett Indian Tribe Narragansett Island Longhouse P.O. Box 350 Wyoming, RI 02898

RE: Third Follow-Up Invitation to Comment in Section 106 Review Process

TCNS Reference No: 56956

Wireless Site Name / Number: Amtrak Branford 2 / CTNH802B

Site Address: Pleasant Point Road, Branford, CT, 06405 New 150-foot monopole tower and compound

EBI Project No.: 61096154

Dear Ms. Mars:

"T-Mobile Northeast LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as successor-in-interest to Omnipoint Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation" (hereinafter, T-Mobile Northeast LLC) is proposing to construct a wireless telecommunications facility at the above-referenced location. *T-Mobile Northeast, LLC* has retained EBI Consulting (EBI) to conduct a review of proposed telecommunication facility for compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Review Under the National Historic Preservation Act (47 CFR Part I, dated January 4, 2005). This notification has been prepared as a follow-up to the Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS) notice (Notification ID 56956, which was sent on October 16, 2009. Additionally, based on EBI's pre-existing relationship with your Tribe, EBI submitted additional information on the proposed project including maps, site plans, photographs, and a review fee on November 4, 2009. A second follow-up letter was sent on November 16, 2009.

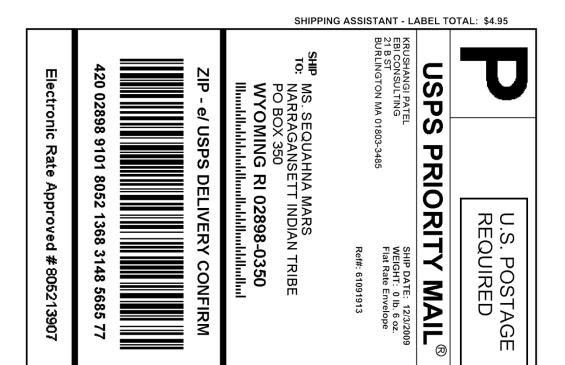
As of the date of this letter, EBI has not received a response from your Tribe indicating whether you have interest in commenting on this project.

Please respond by December 7, 2009 with an opinion of interest or no interest in commenting further on this project. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (781) 418-2329 or LMehringer@ebiconsulting.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Mehringer Staff Scientist

Attachments: Project Summary Form



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November 16, 2009

Ms. Sequahna Mars NITHPO Narragansett Indian Tribe Narragansett Island Longhouse P.O. Box 350 Wyoming, RI 02898

RE: Second Follow-Up Invitation to Comment in Section 106 Review Process

TCNS Reference No: 56956

Wireless Site Name / Number: Amtrak Branford 2 / CTNH802B

Site Address: Pleasant Point Road, Branford, CT, 06405 New 150-foot monopole tower and compound

EBI Project No.: 61096154

Dear Ms. Mars:

"T-Mobile Northeast LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as successor-in-interest to Omnipoint Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation" (hereinafter, T-Mobile Northeast LLC) is proposing to construct a wireless telecommunications facility at the above-referenced location. *T-Mobile Northeast, LLC* has retained EBI Consulting (EBI) to conduct a review of proposed telecommunication facility for compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Review Under the National Historic Preservation Act (47 CFR Part I, dated January 4, 2005). This notification has been prepared as a follow-up to the Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS) notice (Notification ID 56956, which was sent on October 16, 2009. Additionally, based on EBI's pre-existing relationship with your Tribe, EBI submitted additional information on the proposed project including maps, site plans, photographs, and a review fee on November 4, 2009.

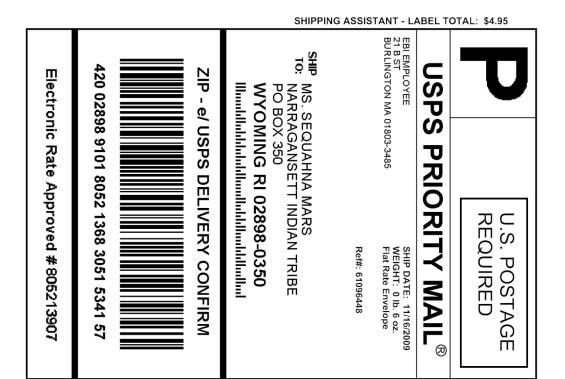
As of the date of this letter, EBI has not received a response from your Tribe indicating whether you have interest in commenting on this project.

Please respond by November 30, 2009 with an opinion of interest or no interest in commenting further on this project. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (781) 418-2329 or LMehringer@ebiconsulting.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Mehringer Staff Scientist

Attachments: Project Summary Form



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EBI would like to inquire if you would be interested in commenting on this proposed project. Please refer to the attached Project Summary Form for complete details regarding this proposed project.

Please find enclosed the required fee for Tribal review.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Consistent with the timelines outlined in the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement and FCC-USET Best Practices Agreement, please respond within 30 days of the TCNS Notification with an opinion of interest or no interest.

Respectfully Submitted,

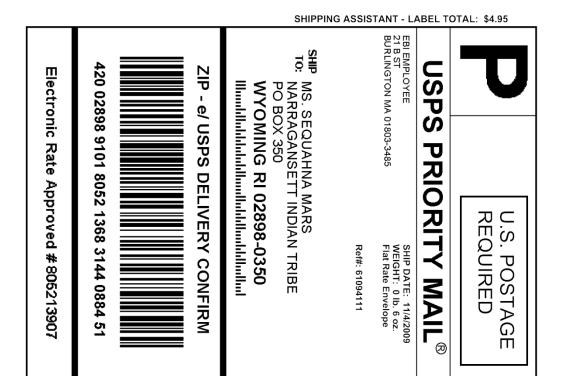
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Fax: (781) 418-2379

Email: LMehringer@ebiconsulting.com

Attachment A - Project Summary Form Attachment B - Figures, Drawings, and Maps

Attachment C - Photographs
Attachment D - Tribal Review Fee



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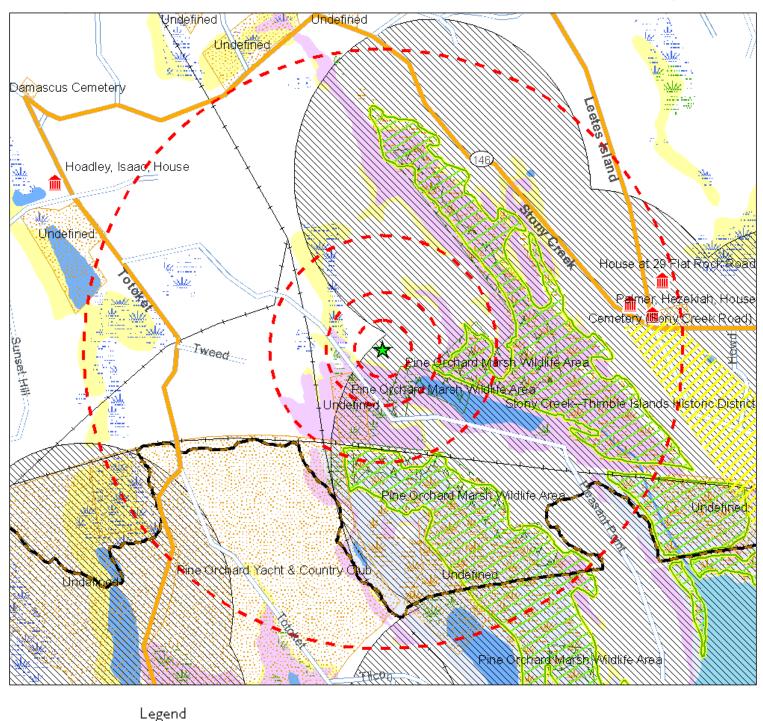
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APPENDIX F LAND RESOURCES MAP





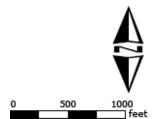
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See associated legend for additional map symbology Land and Historic Resources Map Source: See associated map legend

CTNH802B/Amtrak Branford 2 Pleasant Point Road

Branford, CT 06405

PN: 61096154



National Datalayers Legend*

National Register Historic Site



National Register Historic District

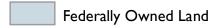
Source: NPS National Register of Historic Places, updated July 2008

National Park Service Trail

Source: U.S. National Parks Serivce. Various dates. NR/GIS WebSite, U.S.Dept.o fthe Interior, NPS, Wash., D.C. http://science.nature.nps.gov/nrdata/index.cfm.

National Scenic Parkway

National Wild and Scenic River



Source: National Atlas of the U.S., Reston, VA, 12/05, Federal Land Features of the U.S.

- -Parkways and Scenic Rivers
- -Federal Lands of the United States

FWS Critical Habitat

Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Various dates. FWS Critical Habitat for Threatened & Endangered Species website. U.S. Dept. of the Interior, FWS, Wash, D.C. http://crithab.fws.gov/.

*Includes data obtained from federal agencies developed to be consistent throughout the US.

National Wetlands Inventory

Stream or Creek

Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland

Freshwater Emergent Wetland

Estuarine & Marine Wetland

Unconsolidated Shore

Freshwater Lake, Pond, or River



Estuarine & Marine Deepwater



Open Water

Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Various dates. National Wetlands Inventory website. U.S. Dept. of the Interior, FWS, Wash, D.C. http://www.fws.gov/nwi/.

FEMA Q3 Flood Zone

500-year inundation area.

100-year inundation area.

100-year inundation area with velocity hazard.

Area not included on any FIRM publication.

Undetermined but possible flood hazard area.

Floodway area, including watercourse extent.

No Flood Data No Flood Data Available

Source: FEMA

Connecticut - State Specific Datalayers Legend



CT - Natural Diversity Database Area

Source: CT DEP Data Date: December 2009 http://www.ct.gov/dep/gis



△ CT - DEP Property

Source: CT DEP Data Date: October 2009 http://www.ct.gov/dep/gis



CT - DEP Municipal and Open Space

Source: CT DEP Office of Information Management

Data Date: 1997

http://www.ct.gov/dep/gis

CT - DEP Critical Habitat

Source: CT DEP Data Date: December 2009 http://www.ct.gov/dep/gis

CT - Aquifer Protection Area

Final

Source: CT DEP



Preliminary

Data Date: March 2010 http://www.ct.gov/dep/gis



CT - DEP Trails

Source: CT DEP Data Date: January 2010 http://www.ct.gov/dep/gis



| Appendix G FEDERAL AND STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE CORRESPONDENCE |
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Inland Fisheries Division-Natural History Survey Natural Diversity Data Base 79 Elm Street, 6th floor Hartford, CT 06106-5127

August 18, 2010

Ms. Lauren Mehringer EBI Consultants 21 B Street MA Burlington, ST 01803

Subject: T-Mobile, Amtrack Branford 2, Cell Tower on Pleasant Point Road, Branford, CT State/Federal Listed Species

Dear Ms. Mehringer:

I have reviewed Natural Diversity Data Base maps and files regarding the area delineated on the map you provided and listed above. According to our information, there are no known extant populations of Federal or State Endangered, Threatened or Special Concern Species that occur at the site in question.

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 Geological and Natural History Survey and cooperating units of the 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 substituted 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 (<u>nancy.murray@ct.gov</u>; 860-424-3589). Thank you for consulting the Natural Diversity Data Base and continuing to work with us to protect State listed species.

Sincerely,

Nancy M. Murray

Biologist/Senior Environmental Analyst

NDDB Program Coordinator

cc: NDDB File # 17951

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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

New England Field Office 70 Commercial Street, Suite 300 Concord, NH 03301-5087 http://www.fws.gov/newengland

January 4, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) New England Field Office has determined that individual project review for certain types of activities associated with communication towers is **not required.** These comments are submitted in accordance with provisions of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Due to the rapid expansion of the telecommunication industry, we are receiving a growing number of requests for review of **existing** and **new** telecommunication facilities in relation to the presence of federally-listed or proposed, threatened or endangered species, critical habitat, wilderness areas and/or wildlife preserves. We have evaluated our review process for proposed communications towers and believe that individual correspondence with this office is not required for the following types of actions relative to **existing** facilities:

- 1. the re-licensing of existing telecommunication facilities;
- 2. audits of existing facilities associated with acquisition;
- 3. routine maintenance of existing tower sites, such as painting, antenna or panel replacement, upgrading of existing equipment, etc.;
- 4. co-location of new antenna facilities on/in existing structures;
- 5. repair or replacement of existing towers and/or equipment, provided such activities do not significantly increase the existing tower mass and height, or require the addition of guy wires.

In order to curtail the need to contact this office in the future for individual environmental review for **existing** communication towers or antenna facilities, please note that we are not aware of any federally-listed, threatened or endangered species that are being adversely affected by any existing communication tower or antenna facility in the following states: Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts. Furthermore, we are not aware of any **existing** telecommunication towers in federally-designated critical habitats, wilderness areas or wildlife preserves. Therefore, no further consultation with this office relative to the impact of the above referenced activities on federally-listed species is required.

Future Coordination with this Office Relative to New Telecommunication Facilities

We have determined that proposed projects are not likely to adversely affect any federally-listed or proposed species when the following steps are taken to evaluate new telecommunication facilities:

- If the facility will be installed within or on an existing structure, such as in a church steeple or on the roof of an existing building, no further coordination with this office is necessary. Similarly, new antennas or towers in urban and other developed areas, in which no natural vegetation will be affected, do not require further review.
- 2. If the above criteria cannot be met, your review of our lists of threatened and endangered species locations within Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts may confirm that no federally-listed endangered or threatened species are known to occur in the town or county where the project is proposed.
- 3. If a listed species is present in the town or county where the project is proposed, further review of our lists of threatened and endangered species may allow you to conclude that suitable habitat for the species will not be affected. Based on past experiences, we anticipate that there will be few, if any, projects that are likely to impact piping plovers, roseate terns, bog turtles, Jesup's milk-vetch or other such species that are found on coastal beaches, riverine habitats or in wetlands because communication towers typically are not located in these habitats.

For projects that meet the above criteria, there is no need to contact this office for further project review. A copy of this letter should be retained in your file as the Service's determination that no listed species are present, or that listed species in the general area will not be affected. Due to the high workload associated with responding to many individual requests for threatened and endangered species information, we will no longer be providing response letters for activities that meet the above criteria. This correspondence and the species lists remain valid until January 1, 2011. Updated consultation letters and species lists are available on our website:

(http://www.fws.gov/newengland/EndangeredSpec-Consultation.htm)

Thank you for your cooperation, and please contact Mr. Anthony Tur at 603-223-2541 for further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas R. Chapman

Supervisor

New England Field Office

FEDERALLY LISTED ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES IN CONNECTICUT

| COUNTY | SPECIES FEDERAL STATUS | | GENERAL LOCATION/HABITAT | TOWNS | |
|---------------|--------------------------|------------|---|--|--|
| Fairfield | Piping Plover | Threatened | Coastal Beaches | Westport, Bridgeport and Stratford | |
| | Roseate Tern | Endangered | Coastal beaches, Islands and the Atlantic Ocean | Westport and Stratford | |
| | Bog Turtle | Threatened | Wetlands | Ridgefield and Danbury. | |
| Hartford | Dwarf wedgemussel | Endangered | Farmington and Podunk Rivers | South Windsor, East Granby, Simsbury, Avon and Bloomfield. | |
| Litchfield | Small whorled Pogonia | Threatened | Forests with somewhat poorly drained soils and/or a seasonally high water table | Sharon. | |
| | Bog Turtle | Threatened | Wetlands | Sharon and Salisbury. | |
| Middlesex | Roseate Tern | Endangered | Coastal beaches, islands and the Atlantic Ocean | Westbrook and New London. | |
| | Piping Plover | Threatened | Coastal Beaches | Clinton, Westbrook, Old Saybrook. | |
| New Haven | Bog Turtle | Threatened | Wetlands | Southbury | |
| | Piping Plover | Threatened | Coastal Beaches | Milford, Madison and West Haven | |
| | Roseate Tern | Endangered | Coastal beaches, Islands and the Atlantic Ocean | Branford, Guilford and Madison | |
| New London | Piping Plover | Threatened | Coastal Beaches | Old Lyme, Waterford, Groton and Stonington. | |
| | Roseate Tern | Endangered | Coastal beaches, Islands and the Atlantic Ocean | East Lyme and Waterford. | |
| | Small whorled Pogonia | Threatened | Forests with somewhat poorly drained soils and/or a seasonally high water table | Waterford | |
| Tolland | None | | | | |

⁻Eastern cougar, gray wolf, seabeach amaranth and American burying beetle are considered extirpated in Connecticut.
-There is no federally-designated Critical Habitat in Connecticut.

7/31/2008



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Washington, D.C. 20240



In Reply Refer To: FWSIFHC/DHCIBFA

Memorandum

To: Regional Directors, Regions 1-7

From: Director Isl Jamie Rappaport Clark SEP 1.4

Subject: Service Guidance on the Siting, Construction, Operation and Decommissioning of

Communications Towers

Construction of communications towers (including radio, television, cellular, and microwave) in the United States has been growing at an exponential rate, increasing at an estimated 6 percent to 8 percent annually. According to the Federal Communication Commission's 2000 Antenna Structure Registry, the number of lighted towers greater than 199'feet above ground level currently number over 45,000 and the total number of towers over 74,000. By 2003, all television stations must be digital, adding potentially 1,000 new towers exceeding 1,000 feet AGL.

The construction of new towers creates a potentially significant impact on migratory birds, especially some 350 species of night-migrating birds. Communications towers are estimated to kill 4-5 million birds per year, which violates the spirit and the intent of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Code of Federal Regulations at Part 50 designed to implement the MBTA. Some of the species affected are also protected under the Endangered Species Act and Bald and Golden Eagle Act.

Service personnel may become involved in the review of proposed tower sitings and/or in the evaluation of tower impacts on migratory birds through National Environmental Policy Act review; specifically, sections 1501.6, opportunity to be a cooperating agency, and 1503.4, duty to comment on federally-licensed activities for agencies with jurisdiction by law, in this case the MBTA, or because of special expertise. Also, the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act requires that any activity on Refuge lands be determined as compatible with the Refuge system mission and the Refuge purpose(s). In addition, the Service is required by the ESA to assist other Federal agencies in ensuring that any action they authorize, implement, or fund will not jeopardize the continued existence of any federally endangered or threatened species.

A Communication Tower Working Group composed of government agencies, industry, academic researchers and NGO's has been formed to develop and implement a research protocol to determine the best ways to construct and operate towers to prevent bird strikes. Until the research study is completed, or until research efforts uncover significant new mitigation measures, all Service personnel involved in the review of proposed tower sitings and/or the evaluation of the impacts of towers on migratory birds should use the attached interim guidelines when making recommendations to all companies, license applicants, or licensees proposing new tower sitings. These guidelines were developed by Service personnel from research conducted in several eastern, midwestern, and southern States, and have been refined through Regional review. They are based on the best information available at this time, and are the most prudent and effective measures for avoiding bird strikes at towers. We believe that they will provide significant protection for migratory birds pending completion of the Working Group's recommendations. As new information becomes available, the guidelines will be updated accordingly.

Implementation of these guidelines by the communications industry is voluntary, and our recommendations must be balanced with Federal Aviation Administration requirements and local community concerns where necessary. Field offices have discretion in the use of these guidelines on a case by case basis, and may also have additional recommendations to add which are specific to their geographic area.

Also attached is a <u>Tower Site Evaluation Form</u> which may prove useful in evaluating proposed towers and in streamlining the evaluation process. Copies may be provided to consultants or tower companies who regularly submit requests for consultation, as well as to those who submit individual requests that do not contain sufficient information to allow adequate evaluation. This form is for discretionary use, and may be modified as necessary.

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712) prohibits the taking, killing, possession, transportation, and importation of migratory birds, their eggs, parts, and nests, except when specifically authorized by the Department of the Interior. While the Act has no provision for allowing an unauthorized take, it must be recognized that some birds may be killed at structures such as communications towers even if all reasonable measures to avoid it are implemented. The Service's Division of Law Enforcement carries out its mission to protect migratory birds not only through investigations and enforcement, but also through fostering relationships with individuals and industries that proactively seek to eliminate their impacts on migratory birds. While it is not possible under the Act to absolve individuals or companies from liability if they follow these recommended guidelines, the Division of Law Enforcement and Department of Justice have used enforcement and prosecutorial discretion in the past regarding individuals or companies who have made good faith efforts to avoid the take of migratory birds.

Please ensure that all field personnel involved in review of FCC licensed communications tower proposals receive copies of this memorandum. Questions regarding this issue should be directed to Dr. Benjamin N. Tuggle, Chief, Division of Habitat Conservation, at (703)358-2161, or

Jon Andrew, Chief, Division of Migratory Bird Management, at (703)358-1714. These guidelines will be incorporated in a Director's Order and placed in the Fish and Wildlife Service Manual at a future date.

Attachment

cc: 3012-MIB-FWS/Directorate Reading File

3012-MIB-FWS/CCU Files

3245-MIB-FWS/AFHC Reading Files

840-ARLSQ-FWS/AF Files

400-ARLSQ-FWS/DHC Files

400-ARLSQ-FWS/DHC/BFA Files

400-ARLSQ-FWS/DHC/BFA Staff

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Service Interim Guidelines For Recommendations On Communications Tower Siting, Construction, Operation, and Decommissioning

- 1. Any company/applicant/licensee proposing to construct a new communications tower should be strongly encouraged to collocate the communications equipment on an existing communication tower or other structure (e.g., billboard, water tower, or building mount). Depending on tower load factors, from 6 to 10 providers may collocate on an existing tower.
- 2. If collocation is not feasible and a new tower or towers are to be constructed, communications service providers should be strongly encouraged to construct towers no more than 199 feet above ground level, using construction techniques which do not require guy wires (e.g., use a lattice structure, monopole, etc.). Such towers should be unlighted if Federal Aviation Administration regulations permit.
- 3. If constructing multiple towers, providers should consider the cumulative impacts of all of those towers to migratory birds and threatened and endangered species as well as the impacts of each individual tower.
- 4. If at all possible, new towers should be sited within existing "antenna farms" (clusters of towers). Towers should not be sited in or near wetlands, other known bird concentration areas (e.g., State or Federal refuges, staging areas, rookeries), in known migratory or daily movement flyways, or in habitat of threatened or endangered species. Towers should not be sited in areas with a high incidence of fog, mist, and low ceilings.
- 5. If taller (>199 feet AGL) towers requiring lights for aviation safety must be constructed, the minimum amount of pilot warning and obstruction avoidance lighting required by the FAA should be used. Unless otherwise required by the FAA, only white (preferable) or red strobe lights should be used at night, and these should be the minimum number, minimum intensity, and minimum number of flashes per minute (longest duration between flashes) allowable by the FAA. The use of solid red or pulsating red warning lights at night should be avoided. Current research indicates that solid or pulsating (beacon) red lights attract night-migrating birds at a much higher rate than white strobe lights. Red strobe lights have not yet been studied.
- 6. Tower designs using guy wires for support which are proposed to be located in known raptor or waterbird concentration areas or daily movement routes, or in major diurnal migratory bird movement routes or stopover sites, should have daytime visual markers on the wires to prevent collisions by these diurnally moving species. (For guidance on markers, see *Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (APLIC)*. 1994. *Mitigating Bird Collisions with Power Lines: The State of the Art in* 1994. *Edison Electric Institute, Washington, D.c.,* 78 pp, and *Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (APLIC)*. 1996. *Suggested Practices/or Raptor Protection on Power Lines. Edison Electric InstituteiRaptor Research Foundation, Washington, D. C;* 128 pp. Copies can be obtained via the Internet at http://www.eei.org/resources/pubcat/enviro/. or by calling 1-800/334-5453).

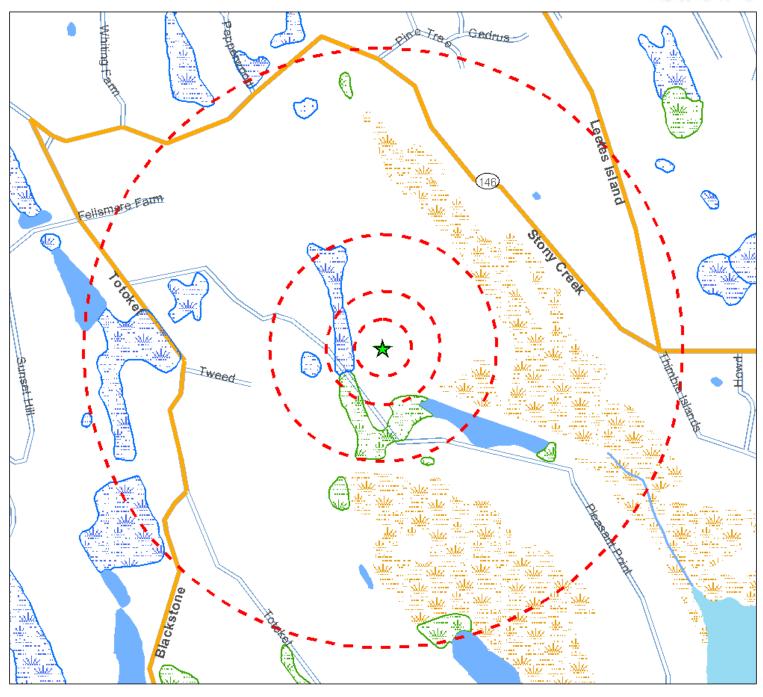
- 7. Towers and appendant facilities should be sited, designed and constructed so as to avoid or minimize habitat loss within and adjacent to the tower "footprint." However, a larger tower footprint is preferable to the use of guy wires in construction. Road access and fencing should be minimized to reduce or prevent habitat fragmentation and disturbance, and to reduce above ground obstacles to birds in flight.
- 8. If significant numbers of breeding, feeding, or roosting birds are known to habitually use the proposed tower construction area, relocation to an alternate site should be recommended. If this is not an option, seasonal restrictions on construction may be advisable in order to avoid disturbance during periods of high bird activity.
- 9. In order to reduce the number of towers needed in the future, providers should be encouraged to design new towers structurally and electrically to accommodate the applicant/licensee's antennas and comparable antennas for at least two additional users (minimum of three users for each tower structure), unless this design would require the addition of lights or guy wires to an otherwise unlighted and/or unguyed tower.
- 10. Security lighting for on-ground facilities and equipment should be down-shielded to keep light within the boundaries of the site.
- 11. If a tower is constructed or proposed for construction, Service personnel or researchers from the Communication Tower Working Group should be allowed access to the site to evaluate bird use, conduct dead-bird searches, to place net catchments below the towers but above the ground, and to place radar, Global Positioning System, infrared, thermal imagery, and acoustical monitoring equipment as necessary to assess and verify bird movements and to gain information on the impacts of various tower sizes, configurations, and lighting systems.
- 12. Towers no longer in use or determined to be obsolete should be removed within 12 months of cessation of use.

In order to obtain information on the extent to which these guidelines are being implemented, and to identify any recurring problems with their implementation which may necessitate modifications, letters provided in response to requests for evaluation of proposed towers should contain the following request:

"In order to obtain information on the usefulness of these guidelines in preventing bird strikes, and to identify any recurring problems with their implementation which may necessitate modifications, please advise us of the final location and specifications of the proposed tower, and which of the measures recommended for the protection of migratory birds were implemented. If any of the recommended measures can not be implemented, please explain why they were not feasible."

APPENDIX H WETLANDS MAPS



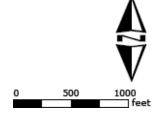


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Wetlands Map

CTNH802B/Amtrak Branford 2 Pleasant Point Road Branford, CT 06405



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U.S. Dept. of the Interior, FWS, Wash, D.C. http://www.fws.gov/nwi/.

State Specific Wetlands Datalayers Legend

Massachusetts

Intermittent Stream Reservoir
Ditch/Canal Wetland

Aqueduct Salt Wetland

Dam Submerged Wetland
Intermittent Shoreline Cranberry Bog

— Manmade Shoreline — Tidal Flat

Channel in Water ===== Inundated Area

Source: MassGIS. February 2005. Hydro_25K. Mass GIS http://www.mass.gov/mgis/hd.htm#attribues

Rhode Island

Emergent Wetland: Marsh/Wet Meadow

Emergent Wetland: Emergent Fen or Bog

Scrub-Shrub Wetlant: Shrub Swamp

Scrub-Shrub Wetland: Shrub Swamp

Forested Wetland: Coniferous

Forested Wetland: Deciduous

Forested Wetland: Dead

Estuarine Emergent Wetland

Estuarine Scrub-Shrub Wetland

Source: RIGIS. October 1993. Wetlands of Rhode Island Providence, RI http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis

Florida

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Vermont

Vermont Significant Wetlands

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New York

New York DEC Freshwater Wetland

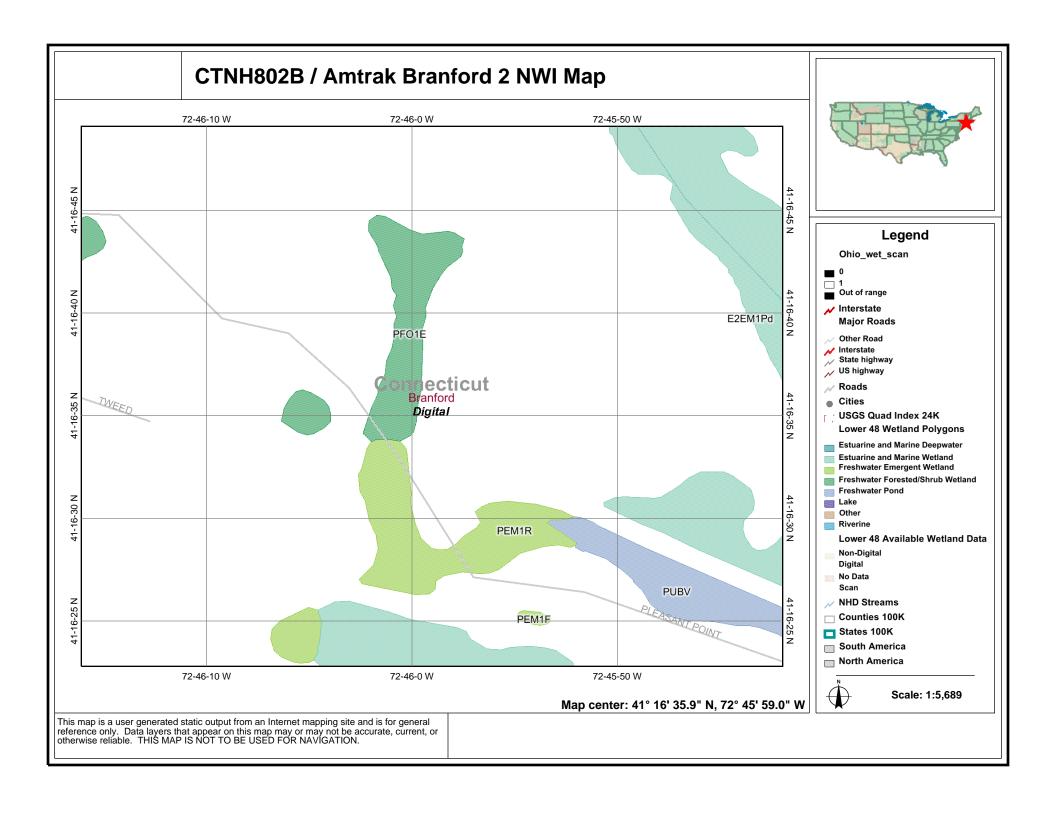
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Maine

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Source: MGS, MEIF&W, and NRCS. January 1991. Maine Office of GIS. Augusta, ME http://megis.maine.gov/catalog/





APPENDIX I FEMA FLOODPLAIN MAP

Flood Insights test results for :

Latitude: 41.276388913393 Longitude: -72.7655555605888

Geocoding Accuracy: Not Available

Flood Zone Determinations

Test Description

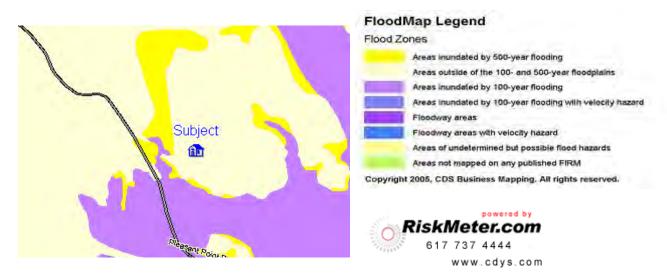
SFHA (Flood Zone) Within 250 feet of multiple flood zones?

Out Yes

The property is located close to multiple zones. Further analysis may be required to determine the exact placement and proper zone. Please <u>Click Here</u> if you would like to order a Manual Flood Determination

| Community Community Name | | | Zone Panel Panel Date | | Cobra Map Number | | |
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