



**State Historic
Preservation Office**



December 23, 2011

Ms. Deborah M. Osterhoudt
Infinify Engineering and Survey
11 Hebert Drive
Latham, NY 12110

**Subject: REVISED COMMENTS
Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility
655 Bassett Road
Watertown, CT
Infinify Project No. 226-015**

Dear Ms. Osterhoudt:

In a letter dated March 25, 2010, the State Historic Preservation Office issued a comment letter for the proposed tower and associated compound located at 655 Bassett Road, Watertown, CT. Our letter stated the "proposed undertaking will have no effect on historic, architectural, or archaeological resources listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places."

It has recently been brought to our attention that a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Roderick Bryan House is located at 867 Linkfield Road, is located within the Area of Potential Effect. The potential effect of the proposed telecommunications facility on this historic resource was not taken into consideration during our previous review.

During a field visit, our staff identified a National Register of Historic Places eligible Historic District which includes the residence, outbuildings and surrounding property at 655 Bassett Road. The Linkfield-Bassett Historic District is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as an intact rural historic district consisting of Federal and Greek Revival style residences and vernacular farmsteads. These farmsteads include residences, barns, and associated out buildings as well as stone walls, meadows and pastures. The resources that comprise this Historic District are as follows:

533 Linkfield Road
603 Linkfield Road
706 Linkfield Road
858 Linkfield Road
867 Linkfield Road

936 Linkfield Road
405 Bassett Road
655 Bassett Road
842 Bassett Road

Based on our field visit, the information originally provided to our office, and the Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the State of Connecticut, Connecticut Siting Council, it is the opinion of this office that the proposed telecommunications facility will have an adverse effect on historic, architectural, or archaeological resources listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

This office appreciates the opportunity to have reviewed and commented on this undertaking. This comment is provided in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act and supersedes all previous correspondence regarding the proposed undertaking.

For further information please contact Laura L. Mancuso, Environmental Review Coordinator, at (860) 256-2757 or laura.mancuso@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David Bahlman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

David Bahlman
State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Robert Stein, Chairman, Connecticut Siting Council
Bob and Cathee Alex, 435 Bassett Road, Watertown, CT