

**ATTACHMENT 4B**

Branford Site  
Environmental Assessment Statement

I. PHYSICAL IMPACT

A. WATER FLOW AND QUALITY

No water flow and/or water quality changes are anticipated as a result of the construction or operation of the proposed facility at the Branford Site. No wetlands were delineated within 100' of the proposed facility compound at the Branford Site and the paved access drive will be utilized for access. Best Management Practices to control storm water and soil erosion during construction will be implemented. The equipment associated with the facility will discharge no pollutants to area surface or groundwater systems.

B. AIR QUALITY

Under ordinary operating conditions, the equipment that would be used at the proposed facility would emit no air pollutants of any kind.

C. LAND

Some clearing and minor grading will be necessary in the compound area. The remaining land of the lessor would remain unchanged by the construction and operation of the facility.

D. NOISE

The equipment to be in operation at the facility would not emit noise other than that provided by the operation of the installed heating, air-conditioning and ventilation system. Some construction related noise would be anticipated during facility construction, which is expected to take approximately four to six weeks. Temporary power outages could involve sound from an emergency generator.

E. POWER DENSITY

The cumulative worst-case calculation of power density from AT&T's operations at the facility would be 1.19% of the MPE standard. Attached is a copy of the Calculated Radio Frequency Report prepared by C<sup>2</sup> Systems dated April 2, 2012.

F. VISIBILITY

The potential visual impact of the proposed facility was determined by preparation of the attached Visual Analysis Report prepared by VHB. The potential visibility of the proposed monopole was assessed within an approximate two-mile radius using a computer-based, predictive view shed model. As shown in the preliminary report and

viewshed map, the proposed tower is expected to be visible above the tree canopy within an approximately 2,025 acre area of the 8,042-acre study area (a two-mile radius of the proposed facility) with visibility over open water accounting for 2,000 of the 2,025 acres. As shown in the Visual Resource Evaluation Report attached, potential views from the water will be limited both in terms of overall extent and degree to which the proposed facility will be visible above the tree canopy.

## II. SCENIC, NATURAL, HISTORIC & RECREATIONAL VALUES

The parcel on which the facility is located exhibits no unique scenic, natural, historic or recreational characteristics. North Atlantic Towers retained the services of Infinigy Engineering & Surveying ("Infinigy") to evaluate the proposed facility in accordance with the FCC's regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA"). Based on Infinigy's screening, it is anticipated that the proposed Facility will have no significant impact on any of the FCC NEPA regulatory criteria.

The Connecticut State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) issued a "no effect" determination for the proposed facility at the Branford Site. A copy of the SHPO determination is attached.

Review of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection Natural Diversity Database (NDDDB) map for the project area was reviewed and the NDDDB map does not identify the project site as a potential habitat for threatened or endangered species. As such, no impacts are anticipated.



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May 25, 2010

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Subject: Wetland Delineation  
FTP-Branford  
171 Short Beach Road, Branford, CT 06405  
**Infinigy # 226-053**

Dear Mr. Laperna:

As requested, **Infinigy Engineering and Surveying, PLLC (Infinigy)** has conducted a wetland delineation review for the proposed wireless communication facility located at 171 Short Beach Road, Branford CT 060405.

The State of Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Act defines wetlands as: *“Wetlands, means land, including submerged land as defined in this regulation, not regulated pursuant to section 22a-28 through 22a-35, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, which consists of any of the soil types designated as poorly drained, very poorly drained, alluvial and floodplain by the National Cooperative Soils Survey, as it may be amended from time to time, of the National Resources Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).”*

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) “Wetland Delineation Manual” (1987) criteria was used to determine the presence or absence of wetlands within the proposed wireless communication facility lease area. Pursuant to this methodology, **Infinigy** identified the three criteria required for the consideration as a wetland: hydric soils, hydrology and hydric vegetation. Hydric soils are identified as soils with a chroma less than 1 or a chroma of 2 with mottling. Hydrology is the effect water has on surface land characteristics (i.e., standing water, erosion, water marks, etc.). Herbaceous vegetation is recorded within a 10-foot radius while shrub and tree species are recorded within a 30-foot radius. Vegetation is given a United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) “indicator status”. Based on the “indicator status”, a determination of hydric vegetation dominance is determined.

Based on the **Infinigy** wetland survey and the property survey entitled “Branford/CT1009; 171 Short Beach Road, Branford CT”, wetlands were not observed within 100 feet of the proposed wireless communication facility compound. As proposed, the wireless communication project will adhere to all local, state and federal environmental regulations, and adverse impacts to “wetlands” are not anticipated at this time.

Additionally, based on review of the Google Earth, United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetland Inventory (NWI) mapping data, a palustrine forested wetland is depicted approximately 250 feet northwest of the subject property. It is important to note, NWI wetland boundaries are estimated by aerial photograph interpretation and do not represent the ground-verified wetland boundary.

North Atlantic Towers, LLC

Please feel free to contact me with any question or concerns at (518)-690-0970.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Kiburz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

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*Wetland Ecologist*

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April 16, 2012

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**RE: Branford (CT1109C)  
171 Short Beach Road, Branford, CT  
Coastal Consistency Analysis – Site Plan Review**

Dear Mr. Shriver:

*Infinigy Engineering PLLC (Infinigy)* has conducted a review of the Connecticut Coastal Management Act (CCMA) as outlined in the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) sections 22a-90 through 22a-112. The CCMA requires “coastal site plan reviews” for the application listed below if the proposed activity or use is located landward of the mean high water mark:

- Site plans submitted to a zoning commission in accordance with CGS section 22a-109;
- Plans submitted to a planning commission for subdivision or resubdivision;
- Application for special exceptions or special permits submitted to a planning commission, zoning commission or zoning board of appeals;
- Application for variances submitted to a local zoning board of appeals; and
- Referrals of proposed municipal projects to a planning commission pursuant to CGS section 8-24 [CGS section 22a-105(b)]

As stated within the CCMA, the authority for coastal site plan review lies with the municipal board or commission responsible for the decision on the underlying application. Although the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) exercises an oversight role in municipal coastal management activities (CGS section 22a-110), the proposed project application does not include a shoreline flood and erosion control structure or a change in the zoning map or regulations. As such, referral to the CT DEEP is not required and the Coastal Site Plan Review process is completed by the governing municipality, in this case, the Connecticut Siting Council.

*Project Information*

The Subject Property for the proposed telecommunications facility, located at 171 Short Beach Road, Branford, Connecticut, is situated within a parking lot on a ±0.87-acre parent parcel of land located along the west side of Short Beach road, identified as C10/000/0027/00009 on the Town of Branford Tax Maps. The parent parcel is developed with an approximately 6,500-square foot commercial building and adjacent paved driveway and parking lot. The property is utilized by AIR, Inc. as a heating and air conditioning business. The current zoning classification of the parent parcel is “R-4”. Specifically, the Subject Property consists of an approximately 2,500-square foot lease area on the northwestern (rear) portion of the parent parcel. It should be noted that this portion of the parent parcel is situated outside the Coastal Boundary, although the southeastern (front) portion of the parent parcel lies within the Coastal Boundary.

North Atlantic Towers, LLC (NAT) proposes to install a 120-foot tall, monopole-style telecommunications tower and associated ground-level equipment within a 50' x 50' fenced equipment compound on the northwestern portion of the parent parcel. Access to the telecommunications facility will be from Short Beach Road via the existing paved driveway and parking area.

The parent parcel is located within the coastal boundary zone as defined in CGS Section 22a-94(b). As stated within the CCMA, and verified by Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), Coastal Site Plan Review section, coastal site plan review is required for projects located within the coastal boundary. Therefore, a coastal site plan review shall be completed by the Connecticut Siting Council during the project review and approval process.

#### Coastal Consistency Review Summary of Findings

As proposed, the NAT project will not result in adverse impacts to coastal resources as defined within the CCMA. The CCMA identifies eight (8) potential adverse impacts to coastal resources. Potential adverse impacts on each resource area, as identified within the CCMA are defined below as they are applicable to each project.

#### **1. Water Quality**

Degrading water quality of coastal waters by introducing significant amounts of suspended solids, nutrients, toxics, heavy metals or pathogens, or through the significant alteration of temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen or salinity.

*The proposed project will not affect water quality within nearby Talmage Pond or associated wetlands which are located greater than 500 feet to the west of the project site, or local water bodies connected with coastal waters. Since the proposed wireless telecommunications compound creates minimal impervious surface and is underlain by a gravel surface, no significant stormwater runoff will be generated by the proposed project.*

#### **2. Coastal Waters Circulation Patterns**

Degrading existing circulation patterns of coastal waters by impacting tidal exchange or flushing rates, freshwater input, or existing basin characteristics and channel contours.

*The proposed project is located on a parcel that is currently developed and is located outside of tidally-influenced coastal water areas and as such, will not impact current drainage or circulation patterns.*

#### **3. Natural Erosion Patterns**

Degrading natural erosion patterns by significantly altering littoral transport of sediments in terms of deposition or source reduction.

*The proposed project will not affect littoral transport of sediments since the proposed facility location is not on a shoreline.*

#### **4. Natural or Existing Drainage Patterns**

Degrading natural or existing drainage patterns by significantly altering groundwater flow and recharge and volume runoff.

*Existing drainage patterns, groundwater flow, and recharge and stormwater runoff will not be significantly altered by the proposed facility based on its limited size and the existing improvements on the Subject Property.*

**5. Coastal Flooding**

Increasing the hazard of coastal flooding by significantly altering shoreline configurations or bathymetry, particularly within high velocity flood zones.

*The proposed project will not increase the hazard of coastal flooding as it will not alter the shoreline configuration and it is not located within the 100-year floodplain.*

**6. Visual Quality**

Degrading visual quality by significantly altering the natural features of vistas and viewpoints.

*The proposed 120-foot monopole style telecommunication tower and facility will not significantly alter the natural features of known important vistas and viewpoints within coastal resource areas. Refer to Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. Visual Resource Evaluation Report dated September 2010, provided under separate cover.*

**7. Essential wildlife, finfish or shellfish habitat**

Degrading or destroying essential wildlife, finfish or shellfish habitat by significantly altering the composition, migration patterns, distribution, breeding or other population characteristics of the natural species or significantly altering the natural components of the habitat.

*No essential wildlife, finfish or shellfish habitat exist on the Subject Property. The proposed facility is to be located within an existing parking lot adjacent to a commercial business.*

**8. Tidal Wetlands, beaches and dunes, rocky shorefronts, and bluffs and escarpments**

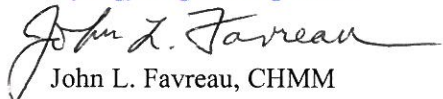
Degrading tidal wetlands, beaches and dunes, rocky shorefronts, and bluffs and escarpments by significantly altering their natural characteristics or function.

*The proposed project will not alter the natural characteristics of any coastal resource areas, as none exist on the Subject Property.*

Therefore, it is the opinion of **Infinigy** that the proposed project is consistent with applicable coastal policies and standards as stated within the CCMA, and that there are no potential adverse impacts associated with the proposed project on coastal resources.

Sincerely,

**Infinigy Engineering PLLC**



John L. Favreau, CHMM  
Director of Environmental Services

Attachments:

- Appendix A – Site Location Map
- Appendix B – Coastal Boundary Map
- Appendix C – Coastal Consistency Review Form

(Note: Site plans are provided under a separate attachment to the CSC Application.)



APPENDIX A  
SITE LOCATION MAP

**CLIENT NAME:**  
North Atlantic Towers

**SITE LOCATION:**  
171 Short Beach Road  
Branford, CT

**PROJECT NAME:**  
NAT - Branford Site C

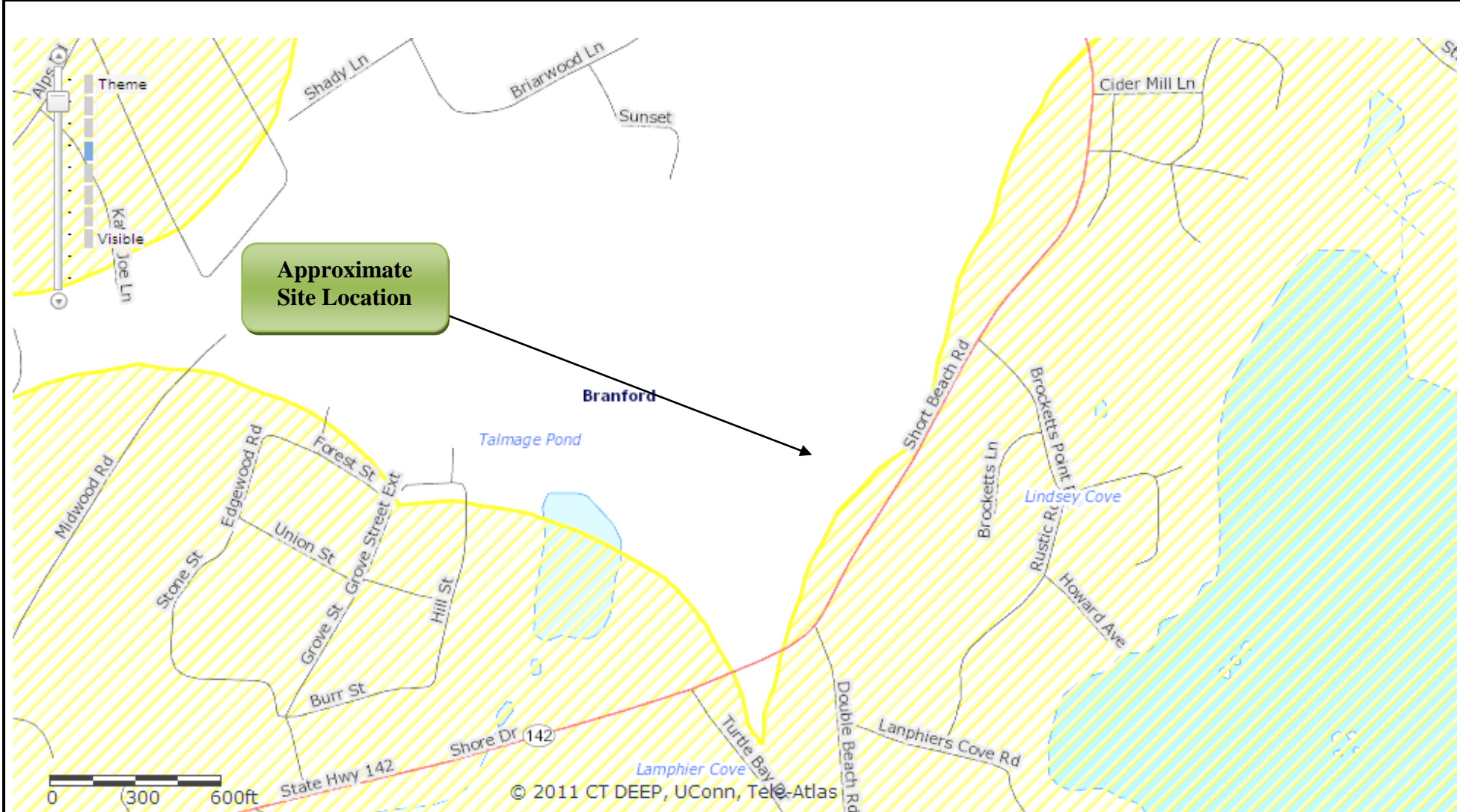
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APPENDIX B  
COASTAL BOUNDARY MAP



<b>CLIENT NAME:</b> North Atlantic Towers	<b>SITE LOCATION:</b> 171 Short Beach Road Branford, CT	<b>PROJECT NAME:</b> Branford Site C	<b>PROJECT NO.:</b> 226-053
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APPENDIX C  
COASTAL CONSISTENCY REVIEW FORM



**Connecticut Department of  
Energy & Environmental Protection**  
Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse  
Office of Long Island Sound Programs

# Coastal Consistency Review Form

Please complete this form in accordance with the instructions (DEP-INST-004). Print or type unless otherwise noted.

<b>DEEP USE ONLY</b>
Application No.: _____
Analyst Assigned: _____
Date Received (OLISP): _____

## Part I: Project Information

<b>1. Applicant Name: North Atlantic Towers, LLC</b>			
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E-mail: <b>jfavreau@infinigy.com</b>			
<b>3. Street Address or Description of Location of the Project Site:</b>			
<b>171 Short Beach Road,</b>			
City or Town: <b>Branford CT</b>			
<b>4. Brief Project Description:</b>			
<b>North Atlantic Towers, LLC proposes to install a 120-foot tall monopole telecommunications tower and 2,500 sq. ft. fenced equipment compound area within an existing parking lot.</b>			
<b>5. Is the project located within the coastal boundary as defined in CGS Section 22a-94(b)?</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If you answered <b>Yes</b> to this question, complete the entire form.			
If you answered <b>No</b> to this question, and your project is located in a coastal area, skip Parts II through V and complete Parts VI, VII and VIII.			

## Part II: Identification of Applicable Coastal Use and Activity Policies and Standards

Identify all statutory goals and policies in or referenced by Section 22a-92 of the Coastal Management Act applicable to the proposed activities by checking the applicable boxes in the following table.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General Development* - CGS Sections 22a-92(a)(1), 22a-92(a)(2), 22a-92(a)(9), 22a-92(a)(9)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water-Dependent Uses - CGS Sections 22a-92(a)(3), 22a-92(b)(1)(A)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ports and Harbors - CGS Section 22a-92(b)(1)(C)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coastal Structures and Filling - CGS Section 22a-92(b)(1)(D)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dredging and Navigation - CGS Sections 22a-92(c)(1)(C), 22a-92(c)(1)(D)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boating - CGS Section 22a-92(b)(1)(G)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fisheries - CGS Section 22a-92(c)(1)(I)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coastal Recreation And Access - CGS Sections 22a-92(a)(6), 22a-92(C)(1)(j), 22a-92(c)(1)(K)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sewer and Water Lines - CGS Section 22a-92(b)(1)(B)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fuel, Chemicals And Hazardous Materials - CGS Sections 22a-92(b)(1)(C), 22a-92(b)(1)(E), 22a-92(c)(1)(A)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation - CGS Sections 22a-92(b)(10)(F), 22a-92(c)(1)(F), 22a-92(c)(1)(G), 22a-92(c)(1)(H)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Solid Waste - CGS Section 22a-92(a)(2)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dams, Dikes and Reservoirs - CGS Section 22a-92(a)(2)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cultural Resources - CGS Section 22a-92(b)(1)(J)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Open Space and Agricultural Lands - CGS Section 22a-92(a)(2)

\* applicable to all proposed activities

## Part III: Consistency With Applicable Statutory Coastal Use and Activity Goals and Policies

Explain how the proposed activity is consistent with the applicable coastal activities goals and policies identified in Part II and describe any mitigation necessary to offset adverse impacts.

**The proposed project does not pose adverse impacts with respect to the items referenced in Part II.**

## Part IV: Identification of Applicable Coastal Resources and Coastal Resource Policies

Identify the coastal resources and associated statutory policies that apply to your project by checking the applicable boxes in the following table.

Coastal Resources	on-site	adjacent to work site	off-site but potentially affected by the project
General Resources* - CGS Sections 22a-93(7), 22a-92(a)(2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Beaches & Dunes - CGS Sections 22a-93(7)(C), 22a-92-(b)(2)(C), 22a-92(c)(1)(K)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bluffs & Escarpments - CGS Sections 22a-93(7)(A), 22a-92(b)(2)(A)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coastal Hazard Area - CGS Sections 22a-93(7)(H), 22a-92(a)(2), 22a-92(b)(2)(F), 22a-92(b)(2)(J), 22a-92(c)(2)(B), 22a-92(a)(5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coastal Waters & Estuarine Embayments - CGS Sections 22a-93(5), 22a-93(7)(K), 22a-93(7)(L), 22a-93(7)(G), 22a-92(a)(2), 22a-92(c)(2)(A)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Developed Shorefront - CGS Sections 22a-93(7)(I), 22a-92(b)(2)(G)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Freshwater Wetlands and Watercourses - CGS Sections 22a-93(7)(F), 22a-92(a)(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intertidal Flats - CGS Sections 22a-93(7)(D), 22a-92(b)(2)(D), 22a-92(c)(1)(K)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Islands - CGS Sections 22a-93(7)(J), 22a-92(b)(2)(H)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rocky Shorefront - CGS Sections 22a-93(7)(B), 22a-92(b)(2)(B)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shellfish Concentration Areas - CGS Sections 22a-93(7)(N), 22a-92(c)(1)(I)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shorelands - CGS Sections 22a-93(7)(M), 22a-92(b)(2)(I)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tidal Wetlands - CGS Sections 22a-93(7)(E), 22a-92(a)(2), 22a-92(b)(2)(E), 22a-92(c)(1)(B)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* applicable to all proposed activities

## Part V: Consistency with Applicable Statutory Coastal Resource Goals and Policies

Explain how the proposed activity is consistent with the applicable statutory coastal resource goals and policies identified in Part IV and describe any mitigation necessary to offset adverse impacts.

**The proposed wireless communication facility falls within the Coastal Boundary Mapping. The proposed project area is currently a paved parking lot; therefore no impacts to coastal resources are anticipated.**



## Part VI: Identification of Potential Adverse Impacts

Identify the adverse impact categories that apply to the proposed activity. Check the applicable box if the proposed activity has the potential to generate any adverse impacts defined in the Coastal Management Act and referred to in the following table. If the category is applicable to the proposed activity, you may describe in Part VII project design features which may eliminate or minimize the potential for identified adverse impacts.

Potential Resource Impacts	Applicable	Not Applicable
Characteristics & Functions of Resources - CGS Section 22a-93(15)(H)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Coastal Flooding - CGS Section 22a-93(15)(E)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Coastal Waters Circulation Patterns - CGS Section 22a-93(15)(B)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Drainage Patterns - CGS Section 22a-93(15)(D)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Patterns of Shoreline Erosion and Accretion - CGS Section 22a-93(15)(C)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Visual Quality - CGS Section 22a-93(15)(F)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water Quality - CGS Section 22a-93(15)(A)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wildlife, Finfish, Shellfish Habitat - CGS Section 22a-93(15)(G)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Potential Impacts on Water Dependent Uses	Applicable	Not Applicable
Locating a non-water-dependent use on a site suited to or planned for a water-dependent use - CGS Section 22a-93(17)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Replacing an existing water-dependent use with a non-water-dependent use - CGS Section 22a-93(17)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Siting a non-water-dependent use which reduces or eliminates public access to marine or tidal waters - CGS Section 22a-93(17)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Part VII: Consistency with Statutory Adverse Impact Policies

Explain how all potential adverse impacts identified, as applicable, in Part VI have been avoided, eliminated or minimized.

**According to Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., Visual Resource Evaluation, dated September 2010, areas from where the proposed 120-foot tall telecommunications tower would be visible above the tree canopy (within a 2-mile radius study area around the proposed tower location) comprise approximately 2,025 acres. The vast majority of year-round visibility would occur over open water on portions of Long Island Sound. Potential views over open water account for approximately 2,000 acres of the total (or 99%). Other areas of potential year-round visibility are land-based areas along Short Beach Road (generally within 0.25 mile) and other roads in the vicinity of the proposed project area, developed with predominantly residential properties. The project is not anticipated to degrade visual quality through significant alteration of natural features or known important vistas and viewpoints.**

## Part VIII: Remaining Adverse Impacts

Identify any adverse impacts which remain after incorporating all measures to eliminate or minimize such adverse impacts, and explain why no feasible and prudent alternatives exist that would further avoid or reduce such impacts.

<b>CLIENT NAME:</b> North Atlantic Towers	<b>SITE LOCATION:</b> 171 Short Beach Road, Branford, Connecticut	<b>PROJECT NAME:</b> NAT – Branford/Site C	<b>PROJECT NO.:</b> 226-053
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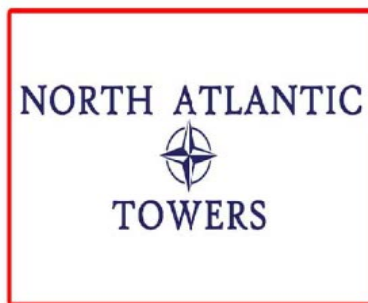
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## Calculated Radio Frequency Emissions

Air, Inc.

171 Short Beach Road, Branford, CT 06405



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April 2, 2012

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## 1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to investigate compliance with applicable FCC regulations for the proposed North Atlantic Towers facility located at the Air, Inc. Building, 171 Short Beach Road, Branford, CT. AT&T is proposing to locate a wireless communications facility at the proposed site. The coordinates of the site are 41-15-46.04 N, 72-50-3.94W.

AT&T is proposing the following:

- 1) Install 12 quad-band panel antennas (4 per sector) at 120' AGL;
- 2) Install an equipment shelter on the ground to house the base-station equipment;

## 2. FCC Guidelines for Evaluating RF Radiation Exposure Limits

In 1985, the FCC established rules to regulate radio frequency (RF) exposure from FCC licensed antenna facilities. In 1996, the FCC updated these rules, which were further amended in August 1997 by OET Bulletin 65 Edition 97-01. These new rules include Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) limits for transmitters operating between 300 kHz and 100 GHz. The FCC MPE limits are based upon those recommended by the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP), developed by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc., (IEEE) and adopted by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

The FCC general population/uncontrolled limits set the maximum exposure to which most people may be subjected. General population/uncontrolled exposures apply in situations in which the general public may be exposed, or in which persons that are exposed as a consequence of their employment may not be fully aware of the potential for exposure or cannot exercise control over their exposure.

Public exposure to radio frequencies is regulated and enforced in units of milliwatts per square centimeter ( $\text{mW}/\text{cm}^2$ ). The general population exposure limits for the various frequency ranges are defined in the attached "FCC Limits for Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE)" in Attachment B of this report.

Higher exposure limits are permitted under the occupational/controlled exposure category, but only for persons who are exposed as a consequence of their employment and who have been made fully aware of the potential for exposure, and they must be able to exercise control over their exposure. General population/uncontrolled limits are five times more stringent than the levels that are acceptable for occupational, or radio frequency trained individuals. Attachment B contains excerpts from OET Bulletin 65 and defines the Maximum Exposure Limit.

Finally, it should be noted that the MPE limits adopted by the FCC for both general population/uncontrolled exposure and for occupational/controlled exposure incorporate a substantial margin of safety and have been established to be well below levels generally accepted as having the potential to cause adverse health effects.

### 3. RF Exposure Prediction Methods

The emission field calculation results displayed in the following figures were generated using the following formula as outlined in FCC bulletin OET 65:

$$\text{Power Density} = \left( \frac{1.6^2 \times EIRP}{4\pi \times R^2} \right) \times \text{Off Beam Loss}$$

Where:

EIRP = Effective Isotropic Radiated Power

R = Radial Distance =  $\sqrt{(H^2 + V^2)}$

H = Horizontal Distance from antenna in meters

V = Vertical Distance from radiation center of antenna in meters

Ground reflection factor of 1.6

Off Beam Loss determined by the selected antenna pattern

These calculations assume that the antennas are operating at 100 percent capacity and power, and that all antenna channels are transmitting simultaneously. Obstructions (trees, buildings, etc.) that would normally attenuate the signal are not taken into account. As a result, the predicted signal levels reported below are much higher than the actual signal levels will be from the finished installations.

#### 4. Calculation Results

Table 1 below outlines the power density information for the proposed tower. Because the antennas used by AT&T are directional in nature, the majority of the RF power is focused towards the horizon. As a result, there will be less RF power directed below the antennas relative to the horizon, and consequently lower power density levels around the base of the proposed monopole. Please refer to Attachment C for the vertical patterns of the proposed AT&T antennas. The % MPE values in Table 1 are calculated at 6' above ground (to approximate the height of a human standing at base of the tower) and include a nominal 10 dB off-beam pattern loss to account for the lower relative gain below the directional antennas.

Carrier	Antenna Model	Antenna Height (Feet)	Operating Frequency (MHz)	Number of Trans.	ERP Per Transmitter (Watts)	Power Density (mw/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Limit	%MPE
AT&T UMTS	P65-15-XLH-RR	120	1900	1	500	0.0014	1.0000	0.14%
AT&T LTE	P65-15-XLH-RR	120	734	1	500	0.0014	0.4893	0.28%
AT&T UMTS	P65-15-XLH-RR	120	880	1	500	0.0014	0.5867	0.24%
AT&T GSM	P65-15-XLH-RR	120	1900	1	427	0.0012	1.0000	0.12%
AT&T GSM	P65-15-XLH-RR	120	880	3	296	0.0025	0.5867	0.42%
							<b>Total</b>	<b>1.19%</b>

Table 1: Carrier % MPE Information at Base of Proposed Tower<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated values include a -10 dB off-beam loss factor (see Attachment C) due to relevant antenna patterns.




## 5. Conclusion

The above analysis verifies that emissions from the proposed installation will be below the maximum power density levels as outlined by the FCC in the OET Bulletin 65 Ed. 97-01. Even when using conservative methods, the cumulative power density from the transmit antennas at the facility is below the limits for the general public. The highest expected percent of Maximum Permissible Exposure at the base of the proposed tower is 1.19% of the FCC limit.

As noted in Section 3, conservative assumptions are taken into account when calculating the predicted power density. As a result, the predicted %MPE levels are more conservative (higher) than the actual %MPE levels will be from the proposed installation.

## 6. Statement of Certification

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the statements in this report are true and accurate. The calculations follow guidelines set forth in ANSI/IEEE Std. C95.3, ANSI/IEEE Std. C95.1 and FCC OET Bulletin 65 Edition 97-01.



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## **Attachment A: References**

OET Bulletin 65 - Edition 97-01 - August 1997 Federal Communications Commission Office of Engineering & Technology

ANSI C95.1-1982, American National Standard Safety Levels With Respect to Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields, 300 kHz to 100 GHz IEEE-SA Standards Board

IEEE Std C95.3-1991 (Reaff 1997), IEEE Recommended Practice for the Measurement of Potentially Hazardous Electromagnetic Fields - RF and Microwave IEEE-SA Standards Board

**Attachment B: FCC Limits for Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE)**

**(A) Limits for Occupational/Controlled Exposure<sup>2</sup>**

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (E) (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (E) (A/m)	Power Density (S) (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Averaging Time  E  <sup>2</sup> ,  H  <sup>2</sup> or S (minutes)
0.3-3.0	614	1.63	(100)*	6
3.0-30	1842/f	4.89/f	(900/f <sup>2</sup> )*	6
30-300	61.4	0.163	1.0	6
300-1500	-	-	f/300	6
1500-100,000	-	-	5	6

**(B) Limits for General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure<sup>3</sup>**

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (E) (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (E) (A/m)	Power Density (S) (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Averaging Time  E  <sup>2</sup> ,  H  <sup>2</sup> or S (minutes)
0.3-1.34	614	1.63	(100)*	30
1.34-30	824/f	2.19/f	(180/f <sup>2</sup> )*	30
30-300	27.5	0.073	0.2	30
300-1500	-	-	f/1500	30
1500-100,000	-	-	1.0	30

f = frequency in MHz \* Plane-wave equivalent power density

**Table 2: FCC Limits for Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE)**

<sup>2</sup> Occupational/controlled limits apply in situations in which persons are exposed as a consequence of their employment provided those persons are fully aware of the potential for exposure and can exercise control over their exposure. Limits for occupational/controlled exposure also apply in situations when an individual is transient through a location where occupational/controlled limits apply provided he or she is made aware of the potential for exposure

<sup>3</sup> General population/uncontrolled exposures apply in situations in which the general public may be exposed, or in which persons that are exposed as a consequence of their employment may not be fully aware of the potential for exposure or cannot exercise control over their exposure

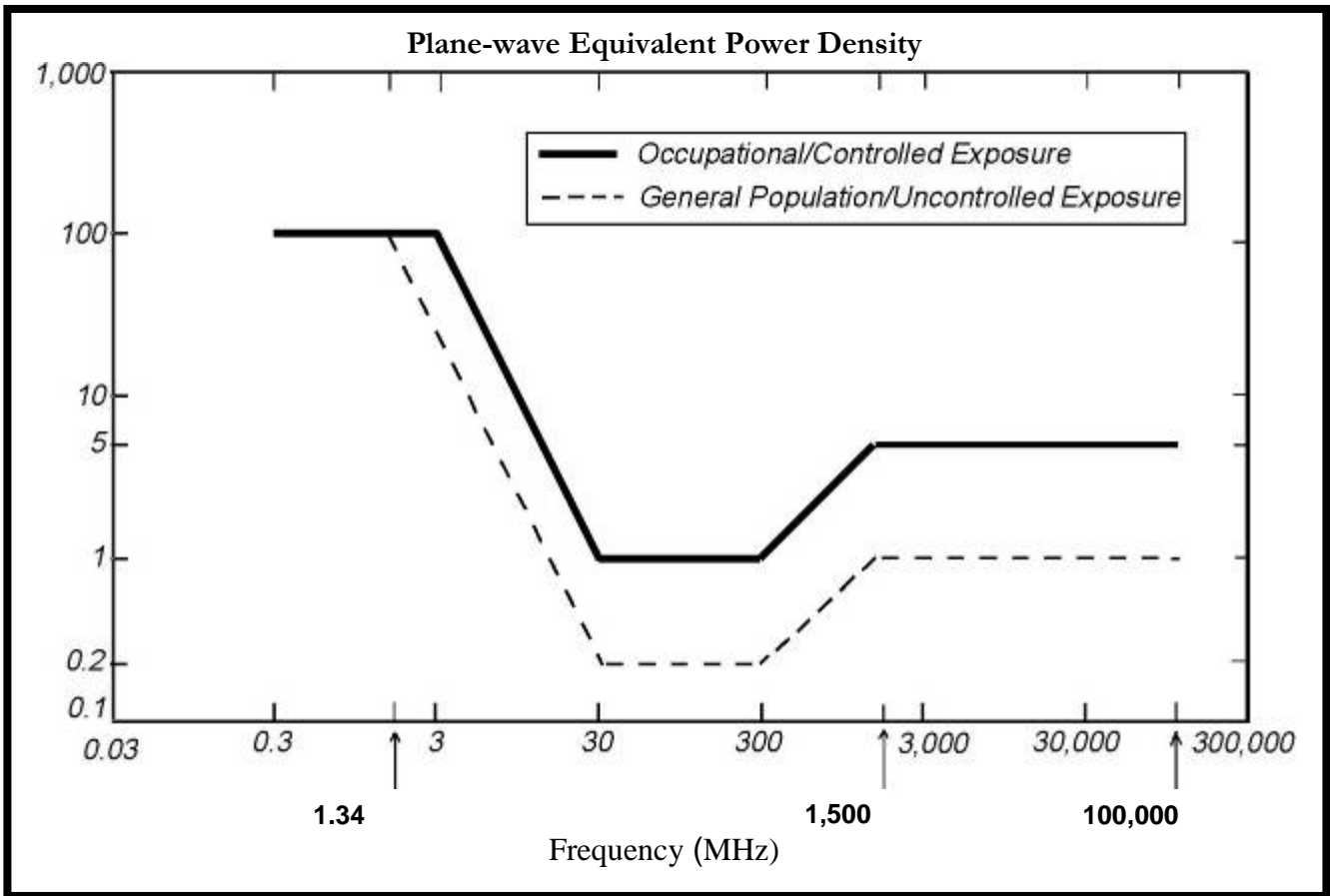
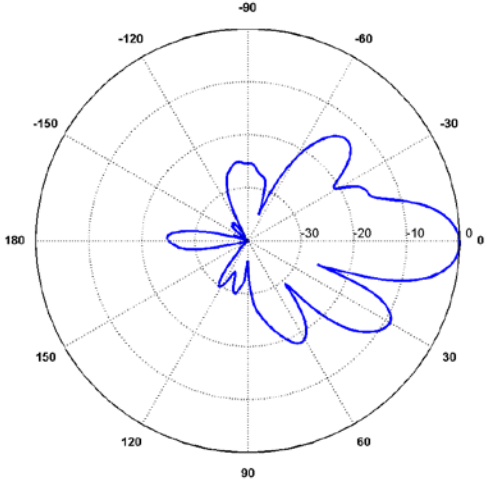
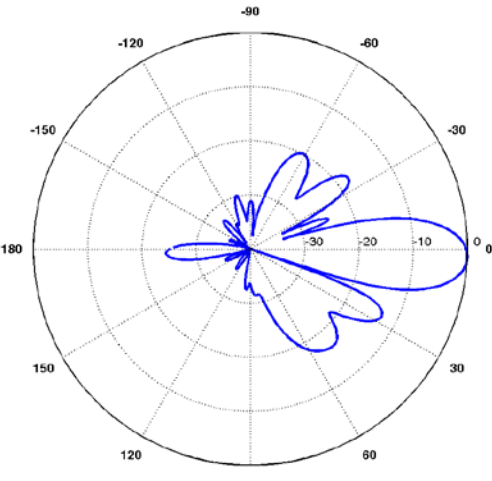


Figure 1: Graph of FCC Limits for Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE)

**Attachment C: AT&T's Antenna Model Data Sheets and Electrical Patterns**

<p><b>716 MHz</b></p> <p>Manufacturer: Powerwave            Model #: P65-15-XLH-RR            Frequency Band: 698-806            Gain: 11.9 dBd            Vertical Beamwidth: 17 deg            Horizontal Beamwidth: 73 deg            Polarization: <math>\pm 45</math> deg            Size L x W x D: 51" x 12" x 6"</p>	
<p><b>880 MHz</b></p> <p>Manufacturer: Powerwave            Model #: P65-15-XLH-RR            Frequency Band: 806-894            Gain: 12.6 dBd            Vertical Beamwidth: 17 deg            Horizontal Beamwidth: 63 deg            Polarization: <math>\pm 45</math> deg            Size L x W x D: 51" x 12" x 6"</p>	
<p><b>1950 MHz</b></p> <p>Manufacturer: Powerwave            Model #: P65-15-XLH-RR            Frequency Band: 1710-2170            Gain: 14.6 dBd            Vertical Beamwidth: 7.5 deg            Horizontal Beamwidth: 61 deg            Polarization: <math>\pm 45</math> deg            Size L x W x D: 51" x 12" x 6"</p>	