ATTACHMENT 7

USFW Recommendations	**The Proposed Facility**
Encourage collocation on existing communications towers or other structures.	An evaluation of existing towers/structures in the area was performed; no viable towers or structures were identified to provide service to the area where service is needed.
New towers encouraged to be no more than 199 feet agl, use construction techniques that do not include guy wires and be unlighted if FAA regulations permit.	The proposed tower height at the Branford Site is 120 feet above ground level and the proposed tower height at the East Haven Site is 103 feet above ground level.
If multiple towers, consider cumulative impacts to migratory birds and threatened and endangered species, as well as the impact of each individual tower.	Only one tower is proposed.
If possible, site new towers within clusters of towers. Discourage the siting of towers near wetlands, other known bird concentration areas, in known migratory or daily movement flyways, or in habitat of threatened or endangered species. In addition, towers should not be sited within areas of high incidence of fog, mist and low ceilings.	The proposed Branford and East Haven tower sites are not in the vicinity of wetlands or known bird concentration areas, or within the habitat of threatened or endangered species. The proposed tower locations are not in an area expected to experience high incidence of fog, mist and low ceilings.
If a tower in excess of 199 feet agl must be constructed, the minimum amount of pilot warning and obstruction avoidance lighting required by the FAA should be installed.	The proposed tower height at the Branford Site is 120 feet above ground level and the proposed tower height at the East Haven Site is 103 feet above ground level.
Towers using guy wires that are proposed within known raptor or waterbird concentration areas or daily movement routes, or in major daytime migratory bird movement routes or stopover sites should have visual markers on the wires to prevent collisions.	The proposed tower is to be a monopole-style tower, and will not include the use of guy wires.
Towers should be sited, designed and constructed to avoid or minimize habitat loss within and adjacent to the tower footprint. Access roads and fencing should be minimized to reduce or prevent habitat fragmentation and disturbance.	The proposed tower sites and access routes have been designed to minimize habitat loss through use of existing disturbed or paved areas.
An alternative site should be sought if significant numbers of breeding, feeding or roosting birds are known to inhabit the proposed construction area. If this is not possible, seasonal restrictions on construction may be advisable.	Significant numbers of breeding, feeding or roosting birds are not known to inhabit the proposed tower construction area.
Towers should be designed to accommodate at least two additional carriers' antennas	The proposed Branford Site is designed to accommodate up to five additional carriers' antennas and the proposed East Haven site is designed to accommodate up to four additional carriers' antennas.
Security lighting for on-ground equipment should be down-shielded	Lighting is not specified.
Service personnel from the Communication Tower Working Group should be allowed access to the tower site under construction or proposed for construction	Personnel from the USFW Communication Tower Working Group will be allowed access to the tower site.
Towers no longer in use should be removed within 12 months of cessation of use.	If approved, the Siting Council may order removal of facilities not in use for 12 consecutive months.