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November 1, 2006

Joseph Reese
Tech Theatrical Services, LLC
98 Knight Street
Watertown, CT 06795

RE: **DOCKET NO. 319** - Optasite, Inc. and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility on one of two sites at 1662 Gold Star Memorial Highway (Route 184), Groton, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Reese:

Your attendance will be required at a hearing of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) regarding the subject docket on:

Thursday, December 14, 2006
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
The Groton Senior Center – Community Room
102 Newtown Road, Groton, CT 06340

I am enclosing a copy of our hearing notice for your convenience. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Very truly yours,

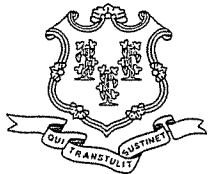
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Enclosure



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The Honorable Harry A. Watson
Mayor
Town of Groton
Town Hall
45 Fort Hill Road
Groton, CT 06340

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Dear Mayor Watson:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has scheduled a public hearing in your town in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. I am writing to invite you to participate in this hearing.

The Council fully understands that municipal input and guidance is absolutely necessary to achieve a thoughtful and balanced decision in matters such as this. Accordingly, I am extending to you my personal invitation to participate in the hearing that is scheduled on Thursday, December 14, 2006.

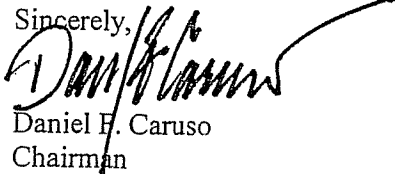
Please be advised that the Council's processes enable the affected municipal governments to engage in meaningful discourse and, if they choose, to even assert a legal role in the proceedings of applications that come before the Council. Municipalities are afforded a right of pre-filed technical information and consultation with applicants 60 days before an application is filed with the Council. During this period the municipality may conduct public hearings and meetings, as it deems necessary. Both the municipal and applicant filings become part of the Council's record.

Once an application is filed with the Council at least one public hearing is held in the affected community as well as a public inspection of the proposed site. Your participation at such hearing may take many forms; municipal officials may make opening statements to the Council, present written documents, or may seek Party or Intervenor Status and put on a case with witnesses.

Our staff is available to assist you in understanding our process and your options. If you have questions, please contact Executive Director S. Derek Phelps (860 827-2935). In the event you have legal questions, please contact our Assistant Attorney General Robert Marconi (860 827-2682).

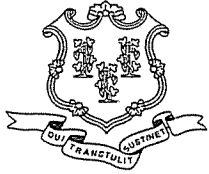
The Council weighs many issues before rendering its decisions. It is important that we know the Town's views as part of that decision making process. We hope you will take part in our hearing process.

Sincerely,



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Ruth Girolomo
Post Reporting Service, Inc.
2015 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06514

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Dear Ms. Girolomo:

In reference to our telephone conversation, your attendance will be required at a hearing of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) regarding the subject docket on:

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4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
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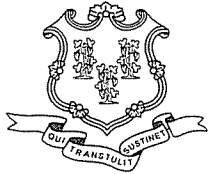
The Council will require delivery of the complete transcript, an original and one copy, within one week of the hearing. I am enclosing a copy of the application filing and our hearing notice for your convenience. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me.

Very truly yours,

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MaryJo Reily
The Groton Senior Center
102 Newtown Road
Groton, CT 06340

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Dear Ms. Reily:

Confirming our telephone conversation of October 17, 2006, I appreciate the reservation of the Community Room at The Groton Senior Center for a public hearing on Thursday, December 14, 2006 from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

For your information, I have attached a general plan for seating arrangements.

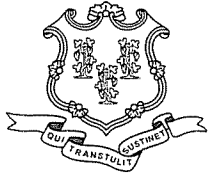
If any other information is needed, please contact me at my office. Thank you for your assistance.

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Seating Arrangements:

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(seating for twelve)
(x = chairs)

X
X

Table for
Court Reporter
(x = chairs)

Applicant Table
(x = chairs)

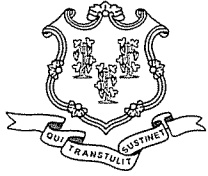
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Party Table
(seating for three)
(x = chairs)

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Podium for public

SEATING FOR PUBLIC
(chairs facing Council table)



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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

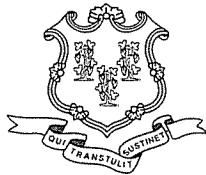
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one of two sites at 1662 Gold Star Memorial Highway (Route 184), Groton,
Connecticut.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Council's notice of public hearing.

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c: Secretary of the State
Robert L. Marconi, Assistant Attorney General
Parties and Intervenors
Application Service Recipients
Ginger Teubner, DPUC



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HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of General Statutes § 16-50m and Section 16-50j-21 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, notice is hereby given that the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, December 14, 2006., beginning at 4:00 p.m., and continued at 7:00 p.m., The Groton Senior Center Community Room, 102 Newtown Road, Groton and thereafter as necessary. The hearing will be on an application from Optasite, Inc. and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility on one of two sites at 1662 Gold Star Memorial Highway (Route 184), Groton, Connecticut.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear evidence on the applicant's contentions that the public need for the facility outweighs any adverse environmental effects that would result from the construction, operation, or maintenance of a tower, ground equipment, and access road. The 4:00 p.m. hearing session will provide the applicant, parties, and intervenors an opportunity to cross-examine positions. The applicant will be allowed a final rebuttal. Briefs will be entertained after the close of the last hearing session. The 7:00 p.m. hearing session will be reserved for the public to make brief statements into the record. Cross-examination of parties and intervenors will resume, if necessary, after all statements have been heard.

The Council will conduct a public field review of the proposed sites on Thursday, December 14, 2006, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The applicant will fly balloons during the field review to simulate the heights of the proposed facilities.

Applicable law for this proceeding includes the Public Utility Environmental Standards Act, General Statutes § 16-50g, et seq., and Sections 16-50j-1 through 16-50v-1a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Council will hold a pre-hearing conference on procedural matters on Tuesday, October 31, 2006, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Council's office, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

The Council directs that all testimony and exhibits be pre-filed with the Council and all parties and intervenors by Thursday, December 7, 2006. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan, the Council requests that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators.

Individuals are encouraged to participate through their elected officials, and other party/intervenor groupings.

Any person seeking to be named or admitted as a party or intervenor to the proceeding may file a written request to be so designated at the office of the Connecticut Siting Council, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051, on or before Thursday, December 7, 2006.

Parties and intervenors will be allowed to submit briefs and proposed findings of fact within 30 days after the close of the hearing.

Any person who is not a party or intervenor to this proceeding may file a written statement with the Council at the hearing or any time up to 30 days thereafter. Such statements will become part of the record. No written statement or any other material, evidence, or other information will be accepted from any person not a party or intervenor to the proceeding after 30 days following the close of the hearing, except as otherwise prescribed by law or the Council.

A verbatim transcript of the hearing session(s) will be made and deposited with the Town Clerk's Office of the Groton Town Hall for the convenience of the public.

Requests for information in alternative formats or for sign-language interpreter services must be submitted in writing by Monday, December 4, 2006.

The applicant of this facility is represented by the following:

Applicant

Optasite, Inc.
One Research Drive
Westborough, MA 01581

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC
500 Enterprise Drive
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Representative

Lucia Chiocchio, Esq,
Cuddy & Feder, LLC
90 Maple Avenue
White Plains, NY 10601
P: 914-761-1300

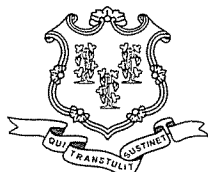
A copy of the application is available for review at the Council's office during office hours at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, (860) 827-2935. The Council has assigned this application docket no. 319.

October 26, 2006

Connecticut Siting Council

LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS
SERVICE LIST

Status Granted	Status Holder (name, address & phone number)	Representative (name, address & phone number)
Applicant	Optasite, Inc. One Research Drive Westborough, MA 01581 New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC 500 Enterprise Drive Rocky Hill, CT 06067	Lucia Chiocchio, Esq, Cuddy & Feder, LLC 445 Hamilton Ave., 14 th Floor White Plains, NY 10601 P: 914-761-1300 F: 914-761-5372 lchiocchio@cuddyfeder.com Keith Coppins Optasite, Inc. One Research Drive, Suite 200 C Westborough, MA 01581 P: 508-799-2460 Ronald C. Clark CONNsult Wireless Services, LLC 6 Evarts Lane Madison, CT 06443 P: 203-645-3301



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TO: Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.
Robinson & Cole LLP

Thomas J. Regan, Esq.
Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LP

Sandy M. Carter
Verizon Wireless

Christine Farrell
T-Mobile

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

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one of two sites at 1662 Gold Star Memorial Highway (Route 184), Groton,
Connecticut.

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) has received an application for a proposed telecommunications facility in Groton. If you would like to participate in this proceeding, your response by or before December 7, 2006, will be appreciated.

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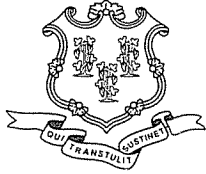
Enclosure: Hearing Notice

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TO: Classified/Legal Supervisor
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The New London Day
47 Eugene O'Neill Drive
P.O. Box 1231
New London, CT 06320-1231

Classified/Legal Supervisor
319060801
Shoreline Publishing - The Groton Times
1 Union Plaza
New London, CT 06320

FROM: Adriana C. Popa, Administrative Clerk

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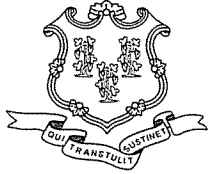
Please publish the attached legal notice for one day on the first day possible from receipt of this notice, except on Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50m(c), the general notice to be public shall be published in its entirety in not less than **TEN POINT BOLDFACE TYPE**. If you have any questions concerning the ten point type, please contact me. If your newspaper does not have ten point type, please so state and also state the size type actually used in the legal notice in your affidavit.

Please send affidavit of publication and invoice to: Connecticut Siting Council
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TO: Commissioner Gina McCarthy
Department of Environmental Protection

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Karl Wagener, Executive Director
Council on Environmental Quality

Commissioner Donald W. Downes, Chairman
Department of Public Utility Control

Robert Genuario, Secretary
Office of Policy and Management

Commissioner James F. Abromaitis
Department of Economic and Community Development

Arthur W. Gruhn, P.E.
Chief Engineer, Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations
Department of Transportation

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

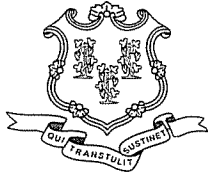
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Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50j(h), the Connecticut Siting Council hereby solicits your
written comments and consultation. Your response by or before December 7, 2006 will be
appreciated.

A copy of the application with location maps has previously been provided to you, pursuant to
General Statutes § 16-50l.

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Screening Checklist

Connecticut Department of Transportation

Potential Transportation Infrastructure Impacts

Connecticut Siting Council Docket# 319

Location: 1662 Gold Star Memorial Highway (Route 184), Groton, CT

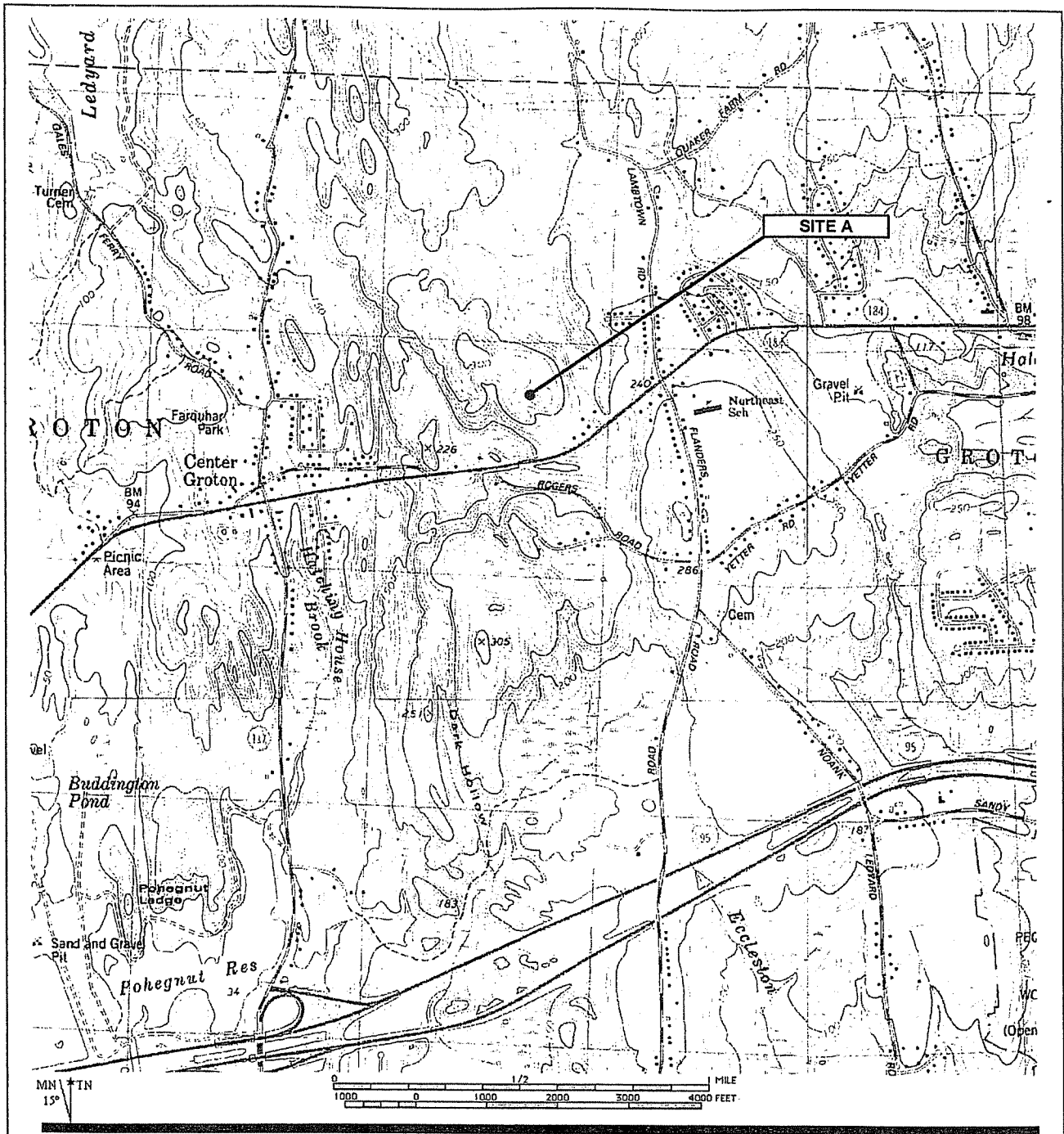
1. Is the proposed facility abutting the right-of-way of a State maintained highway?

Yes – On State Route 184.
2. Is access for construction or maintenance of the proposed facility needed directly from a State maintained highway?

Yes – Route 184.
3. Does the proposed construction or maintenance of the proposed facility impact any licensed aviation facility (L.A.F.)? Definition: L.A.F. is a facility licensed to operate by DOT, airport, heliport or parachute coop area.

No
4. Is the proposed facility within or abutting a State owned Railroad Right-of-Way?

No



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DATE: JULY 2006

SCALE: AS NOTED

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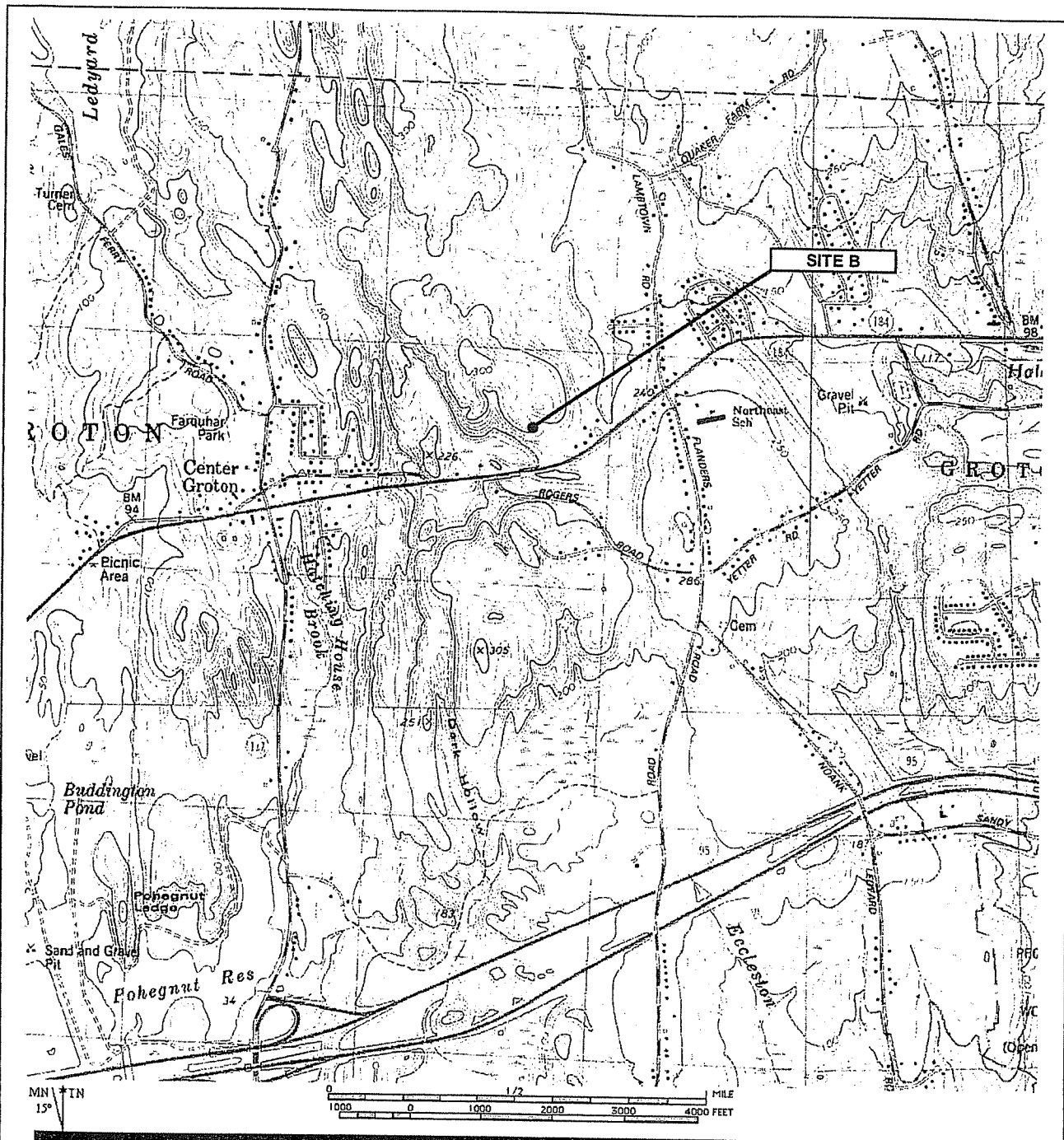
URS Corporation AES
 500 Enterprise Drive, Ste 3B
 Rocky Hill, CT 06067
 Tel. 860-529-8882
 Fax 860-529-5566

PROJECT #: OPT-001/36915381 7.12.06

Opta INCORPORATED

SITE A

1662 GOLD STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY
 ROUTE 184
 GROTON, CONNECTICUT



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