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TO: Council Members

FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 321** – Optasite, Inc. and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at 940 Meriden Road in Waterbury, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

The application is from Optasite, Inc. (Optasite) and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. (T-Mobile) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility and associated equipment in the City of Waterbury, Connecticut.

Optasite proposes to build a 110-foot, self-supporting, monopole telecommunications tower within a 60-foot by 60-foot equipment compound on the grounds of the Pine Grove Cemetery at 940 Meriden Road in Waterbury, Connecticut.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed site, costs, a description of the environmental effects of the proposed construction, and health and safety information. The application meets statutory technical requirements for processing the application. Council staff believes additional information can be obtained through pre-hearing interrogatories. This project would not require an outside consultant.

III. Administrative Review

The applicant has stated that all service and filing requirements pursuant to General Statutes § 16-501 (b) have been fulfilled. The applicant stated that notice to the general public was published in the Waterbury Republican-American.

IV. Procedural

The Council must schedule a hearing for the proceeding between 30 and 150 days after receipt of an application. The Council must also appoint a custodian of the docket and designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. Staff recommends designating Adriana Popa as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the City of Waterbury on Tuesday, November 21, 2006, and depositing the transcript in the City Clerk's Office at the Waterbury City Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

Application received	09/14/06
Completeness review	10/10/06
Subcommittee meeting	10/10/06
Pre-hearing Questions	
• Set-One Filed	10/11/06
• Set-One responses due	10/26/06
• Set-Two Filed	10/27/06
• Set-Two responses due	11/13/06
Pre-hearing conference (10:00 a.m.)	10/24/06
Pre-filed testimony due	11/14/06
Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status	11/16/06
Field review (2:00 p.m.)	11/21/06
Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)	11/21/06
Close of Record	12/21/06
Draft Findings of Fact	12/22/06
Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order	01/12/07
Deadline for Decision	03/03/07
180-day extension date	09/09/07

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