

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL**

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF OPTASITE TOWERS LLC
AND OMNIPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR
THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND
OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS
FACILITY AT 1027 MIDDLE TURNPIKE EAST
MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT

DOCKET NO. 328

Date: APRIL 5, 2007

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF DOUGLAS ROBERTS, P.E.

Q1. Mr. Roberts, please state your name and position.

A. Douglas Roberts and I am a Senior Project Manager at URS Corporation ("URS"). URS is located at 500 Enterprise Drive, Rocky Hill, Connecticut. URS is the engineering, architectural and surveying company retained by Optasite Towers LLC ("Optasite") to provide the architecture, engineering and other design services for the proposed existing telecommunication facility at 1027 Middle Turnpike East, Manchester, Connecticut.

Q2. Please state your qualifications.

A. I attended the University of Bridgeport from 1974 to 1978. I am a licensed architect in the State of Connecticut. I have worked in the field of architecture for 25 years and have been employed by URS for the last 10 years. My expertise includes project management of architectural and engineering designs for over one thousand wireless telecommunications facilities in Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Jersey. I have assisted in the

development of and served on the management team for the URS Telecommunications Group in Rocky Hill since its inception in 1997. URS has worked in the development of wireless telecommunication facilities in Connecticut since 1984. I am currently responsible for the development of telecommunications facilities throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island, and New Jersey.

Q3. Please describe your involvement in this matter.

A. URS was responsible for designing and preparing the site plans for the proposed Facility including the site access plan, the compound plan and tower elevation. In addition, URS conducted a tree inventory of the site to determine the number of trees with a diameter of 6 inches or larger that would need to be removed for the construction of the site access driveway and compound.

Q4. Please describe the site.

A. The site is located at 1027 Middle Turnpike East in Manchester (the "Property"). The Property is zoned in both the AA and RR residential zoning districts and is located on Assessor's map 064, block 3950, lot 1027. The Property is 9/07 acres in size and is undeveloped and partially wooded with mature vegetation. The property is owned by the Urban Realty Company. The leased area is located in the north central portion of the Property. The Property

is an ideal location for a telecommunications facility due to the topography, size and existence of mature trees and vegetation on the Property.

Q5. Please describe the access driveway.

A. The access driveway would result in minimal land disturbance and would require minimal tree removal due to the fact that the co-applicants will utilize an existing driveway on the Property. That driveway extends from New Bolton Road to the leased area (the "Site"). The existing driveway is dirt and would be upgrade to gravel.

Q6. Please describe the proposed Facility.

A. The proposed Facility would consist of a 130-foot stealth monopole and associated equipment compound and access driveway. The compound area is 100 foot by 40 foot and will be fenced in with an 8 foot high security fence and associated gate. The proposed Facility will accommodate antenna arrays, flush mounted, and equipment initially for co-applicant Omnipoint Communications, Inc. ("T-Mobile"). In addition, the proposed Facility is able to accommodate antenna arrays and equipment for three additional carriers.

The statements above are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

4-5-07
Date


Douglas Roberts

Subscribed and sworn before me this 5th day of April, 2007.



By: Melinda K Shukis
Notary

MELINDA K. SHUKIS
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN. 31, 2012