

**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 640 HILLIARD STREET  
MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT

DOCKET NO. 339

Date: AUGUST 22, 2007

**PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF RODNEY BASCOM, P.E.**

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

A. Rodney Bascom and I am a Civil Engineer at Clough Harbour & Associates, LLP ("CHA"). CHA is located at 2139 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 212, Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

Q2. Please state your qualifications.

A. I received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Clarkson University in 1982. I am a licensed civil engineer in the State of Connecticut. I have worked in the engineering field for over 25 years and have been employed by CHA for 22 years. I have managed and assisted in the permitting of more than 1,000 wireless telecommunications facilities in New England and New York.

Q3. Please describe your involvement in this matter.

A. CHA 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, CHA 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 640 Hilliard Street in Manchester (the "Property"). The Property is zoned IND industrial and is located on Assessor's Map 45, Block 2920, Lot 640. The Property is 1.23 acres in size and is partially developed. The property is owned by 640 Hilliard Street, LLC. The Property had been utilized as a mill and now various commercial tenants occupy the mill building. The leased area is located in the southeastern corner of the Property. The Property is an ideal location for a telecommunications facility in this area due to the size and location in the industrial area.

Q5. Please describe the access driveway.

A. The access driveway would result in minimal land disturbance and would require no tree removal due to the fact that the co-applicants will partially utilize an existing driveway on the Property. That driveway extends from Hilliard Street, travels alongside the existing mill building and would extend to the proposed Facility and compound area.

Q6. Please describe the proposed Facility.

A. The proposed Facility would consist of a 150-foot monopole and associated equipment compound and access driveway. The compound area is 30 foot by 70 foot and will be fenced in with a chainlink fence with privacy slats and associated gate. The proposed Facility will accommodate antenna arrays and equipment 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. Finally, the Applicants propose to install 6-8' high plantings along the outside of the fenced compound.

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

8/14/07  
Date

Rodney A. Bascom  
Rodney A. Bascom, P.E.  
Partner

Subscribed and sworn before me this 14 day of August, 2007.

By:

Cathy A. Diano  
Notary

CATHY A. DIANO  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN. 31, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,

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**Certification**

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing has been mailed, this date to all parties and intervenors of record.

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Carrie L. Larson