

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL**

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF MCF
COMMUNICATIONS bg, INC. AND
OMNIPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR
THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND
OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS
FACILITY AT RICH ROAD IN THE
TOWN OF THOMPSON, CONNECTICUT

DOCKET NO. 344

DATE: October 5, 2007

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF JEFFREY SHAMAS

Q1. Please state your name and position.

A. My name is Jeffrey Shamas and I am Senior Environmental Planning Program Manager for Kleinfelder, Inc. ("Kleinfelder"). Kleinfelder is a leading professional services firm in natural and built environments. Kleinfelder is located at 99 Lamberton Road, Suite 201, Windsor, Connecticut.

Q2. Please state your qualifications.

A. I am a nationally certified Professional Wetlands Scientist and Certified Ecologist as well as a Connecticut Soil Scientist. I have more than 17 years of experience in the natural resources and environmental planning and permitting field. I have conducted numerous ecological, wetlands and environmental assessments and managed numerous wetland and ecological restoration/construction projects.

Q3. Please describe your involvement in this matter.

A. Kleinfelder was retained by MCF Communications, Inc. ("MCF") to conduct an inland wetland and watercourse delineation in accordance with State Statutes Section 22a-38(15) for the proposed site at Rich Road in Thompson (the "Site") and was responsible for reviewing environmental resource information under the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA").

Q4. Please describe the results of the NEPA conducted by Kleinfelder.


At the request of MCF, Kleinfelder commenced a NEPA screen to determine if the proposed Facility falls under any listed categories of Section 1.1307 under NEPA. Based upon Kleinfelder's review, the proposed Facility does not fall under any listed categories of Section 1.1307. In addition, Kleinfelder corresponded with numerous agencies including the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP"), the United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism, Historic Preservation & Museum Division ("SHPO"), among others. Both DEP and SHPO have responded and confirmed that the proposed Facility will have no effect on any endangered, listed or threatened species or on any historic resources. The only outstanding item remaining the in NEPA screen is the sign-off from the Narragansett Tribe regarding potential impact on Indian religious sites. Based upon the NEPA

screen and Kleinfelder's in-field review of the site, we expect that the Site will be categorically excluded from any requirement for further environmental review by the FCC in accordance with NEPA and no permit is required by that agency prior to construction of the proposed Facility.

Q5. Please describe the results of the wetlands delineation conducted by Kleinfelder.

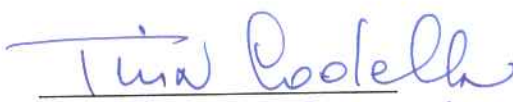
A. At the request of MCF, Kleinfelder conducted a wetlands screen and delineation at the proposed Site. The results of that screen and delineation are included in the Application at Exhibit L. Kleinfelder identified one wetland area, a palustrine forested wetland, to the west of the proposed Site. The wetland consists of a ponded area and the immediate edges surrounding that ponded area. Based upon Kleinfelder's review, the wetland on the Site is approximately 194 feet away from the proposed equipment compound. Based upon the distance of the wetland from the proposed Site and the nature of the construction, Kleinfelder anticipates that the proposed Site will have no direct or indirect effect on the wetland.

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Subscribed and sworn before me this 4th day of October, 2007.

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