STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

IN RE: : PETITION NO. 809

A PETITION OF EXTENET SYSTEMS, INC.
FOR A DECLARATORY RULING ON THE
NEED TO OBTAIN CONNECTICUT SITING
COUNCIL APPROVAL TO DEVELOP A
DISTRIBUTED ATENNA SYSTEMS IN
LOWER FAIRFIELD COUNTY.

CONNECTICUT : AUGUST 1, 2007

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF TIMOTHY ASTA, JR.

- Q1. Mr. Asta, please state your name and position.
- A. My name is Timothy Asta, Jr. I am Director of Municipal and Government Affairs at ExteNet Systems, Inc. ("Extenet"). Extenet is located at 1901 South Meyers Road, Suite 190, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.
- Q2. Please state your qualifications.
- A. I have more than 12 years of community planning and wireless communications industry experience with specialization in the areas of land use, zoning, regulatory, development approval, and network deployment. I received a B.S. in Community & Regional Planning from Iowa State University and am nearing completion of a M.A. in Geography & Environmental Studies from Northeastern Illinois University. In 2002, I received certified accommodation to the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), the professional institute of the American Planning Association (APA).

While with ExteNet Systems, Inc. (f/k/a ClearLinx Network Corporation) I have engaged in municipal activities within countless jurisdictions in over 30 states nationwide. Prior to joining the ExteNet team, I was a founding partner in

Synergy Group, a private municipal consulting firm where he was responsible for land use strategy, telecommunications review, and zoning code consultations within the Midwest. Before Synergy Group, I was Redevelopment Project Manager for American Tower Corporation where I was directly responsible for the upgrade and redevelopment of over 1,600 existing tower assets within the Midwest region to accommodate future tenant collocations.

- Q3. What is your involvement in this Petition?
- A. I have initiated preliminary contact with the municipalities, held project meetings with CDOT and the Merritt Parkway Conservancy, have commenced the NEPA / SHPO process, and have coordinated and prepared the CSC application contents.
- Q4. <u>Did you meet with representatives from each municipality along this section of the Merritt Parkway?</u>
- A. Yes, I held preliminary meetings with a representative from each municipality in May of 2006.
- Q6. Has ExteNet secured all of the necessary agreements to locate on the utility infrastructure along the project area?
- A. Yes, ExteNet has entered into the necessary agreements with the utility companies to collocate along the existing utility right of way and infrastructure.
- Q7. Are there any other approvals required in order to install this DAS network?
- A. Yes, ExteNet will need to file Encroachment Permit applications for any activity that occurs within the CDOT R.O.W. ExteNet will proceed through the standard Encroachment Permit process for our node attachment in their ROW. I have been coordinating with Carmen Cavallaro, (Special Services Section

Manager - District 3 Maintenance - Bureau of Engineering & Highway Operations - CDOT) and talked to him as recently as today. He is not opposed to the project. He is aware of our hearing next week and is waiting for CSC to rule before he processes our permits. He anticipates a 4 - 6 week turnaround from the date our permits are filed.

- Q8. Can you describe the photographs attached hereto as Exhibit 1?
- A. Council staff requested that if possible, ExteNet set up a sample node extended over a roadway. It was not possible to secure the necessary agreements and approvals to do so in time for the field review. Instead we've attached these photos which are of the "Mid-Span Node" prototype, recently constructed by our General Contractor near their corporate offices. We provide these as a point of visual reference and to help understand how small the node really is once it is suspended. An unmounted node unit will be available the day of the hearing.
- Q7. <u>Did you prepare or supervise the preparation of the photo simulations provided as Exhibit A of the Petition?</u>
- A. Yes, these simulations were prepared at my request and under my direction.
- Q8. How were the simulations prepared?
- A. Each location photograph was taken from a standard distance which allowed proper calculation of size / scale of the proposed equipment attachment. A digital photo of the node equipment was then superimposed over each photograph at the exact location of proposed attachment. All photo simulations are accurate in regards to scale, color, and proposed attachment method.

- Q9. Did you retain anyone to conduct a NEPA review of the proposed project?
- A. Yes, I retained Kleinfelder East, Inc. ("Kleinfelder") to perform a NEPA review of the proposed project. Kleinfelder's preliminary conclusion was that no adverse impact would result from the proposed DAS deployment along the Merritt Parkway corridor.
- Q10. Can Verizon, AT&T/Cingular, Sprint/Nextel and T-Mobile all be found on other ExteNet DAS networks in other states?
- A. I am not able to answer that question at this time. I am under a Non
 Disclosure Agreement and cannot divulge the identity of carrier tenants operating
 on other ExteNet Systems in other states.

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

Date/

Subscribed and sworn before me this <u>L</u> day of August, 2007.

HEATHER C MAJEWSKI OFFICIAL SEAL Notary Public, State of Illinois My Commission Expires April 25, 2011 By:

Notary

EXHIBIT 1







