

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

March 30, 2021

Glenn Scott Shepherd Site Development Specialist II SBA Communications 134 Flanders Road, Suite 125 Westborough, MA 01581

RE: **EM-T-MOBILE-034-210115** – T-Mobile notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 52 Stadley Rough Road, Danbury, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Shepherd:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) hereby denies your request to modify the above-referenced existing telecommunications facility, pursuant to Section 16-50j-73 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

This exempt modification request was submitted to the Council on January 15, 2021. Council staff reviewed this request for completeness and had identified a deficiency that was more fully described in a notice of incompletion letter/e-mail to the requesting entity dated February 24, 2021 (attached) and recommended that SBA provide a revised request that is in compliance with the Connecticut Superior Court's Stipulation for Judgment dated January 6, 2010, on or before March 26, 2021. To date the Council has not received a response.

Thus, the proposed modification is not in compliance with the exemption criteria in Section 16-50j-72 (b) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and is hereby denied.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie Bachman

Melanie Bachman Executive Director

MAB/IN/emr

Enclosure: Council Incomplete Letter Dated February 24, 2021

c: The Honorable Joseph M. Cavo, Mayor, City of Danbury (j.cavo@danbury-ct.gov)



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February 24, 2021

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RE: EM-T-MOBILE-034-210115 – T-Mobile notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 52 Stadley Rough Road, Danbury, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Shepherd:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on January 15, 2021.

According to Section 16-50j-71 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, "...any modification, as defined in Section 16-50j-2a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, to an existing tower site, except as specified in Sections 16-50j-72 and 16-50j-88 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, may have a substantial adverse environmental effect."

Staff has reviewed this exempt modification request for completeness and has identified that the request is not in compliance with the Connecticut Superior Court's Stipulation for Judgment (Stipulation) dated January 6, 2010 specific to this facility (see attached). The Stipulation requires all modifications to this facility to comply with the following conditions:

- 1) All proposed antennas are to be flush mounted to the tower;
- 2) The tower antennas and mounts are to be painted brown; and
- 3) Notice of any modifications is required to be provided to The City of Danbury and Jose and Christina Carvalheiro.

The inconsistencies identified in the exempt modification request consist of, but are not limited to the following:

- Sheet No. A-2 of the Construction Drawings (CD), prepared by Chappelle Engineering Associates, LLC and last revised December 30, 2020, and the Structural and Mount Analyses both prepared by Tower Engineering Solutions and dated November 13, 2020 and November 11, 2020 respectively all show a proposed platform antenna mount which is inconsistent with condition No. 1 above;
- There is no indication of the antennas being painted brown in compliance with condition No. 2 above; and
- There is no indication that notice was provided to Jose and Christina Carvalheiro in compliance with condition No. 3 above.

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that SBA Communications provide a revised request that is in compliance with the Stipulation referenced above, on or before March 26, 2021. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a

written request for an extension of time prior to March 26, 2021. Please provide an electronic version of the requested information for the incomplete exempt modification to be rendered complete and processed. Please include the Council's exempt modification identification number referenced above with the submittal.

This notice of incompletion shall have the effect of tolling the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 60-day timeframe in accordance with Paragraph 217 of the FCC Wireless Infrastructure Report and Order issued on October 21, 2014 (FCC 14-153).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 860-827-2951.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

MAB/IN/emr

Enclosures: Court Stipulation dated January 6, 2010

DOCKET NO.: CV-09-4021287-S

SUPERIOR COURT

CITY OF DANBURY,

JOSE CARVALHEIRO, and

JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CHRISTINA CARVALHEIRO

Plaintiffs,

OF NEW BRITAIN

v.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL, :

AT NEW BRITAIN

OPTASITE TOWERS, LLC (currently known as SBA Towers II, LLC), and OMNIPOINT COMMUNICATIONS INC (currently known as T-Mobile Northeast, LLC)

Defendants.

JANUARY 6, 2010

STIPULATION FOR JUDGMENT

IT IS STIPULATED, by and between the undersigned Parties that:

The Parties consent and stipulate that a Judgment in the form set forth below shall be entered by the Court at any time following the date of filing of this Stipulation, without further notice to any party or other proceeding. Said Judgment shall be determinative of the rights of the undersigned parties against or to each other in the above-entitled action regarding the subject matter of the decision of the State of Connecticut Siting Council (Council) in Council Docket No. 366 and the application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at 52 Stadley Rough Road in Danbury, Connecticut. By executing this Stipulation, the Parties expressly declare that they fully understand the terms of the Judgment to be entered as set forth below, and agree and desire to be bound thereby.

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JUDGMENT ON STIPULATION

Plaintiffs CITY OF DANBURY and JOSE and CHRISTINA CARVALHEIRO ("Carvalheiros"), the Defendants STATE OF CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL ("Council"), OPTASITE TOWERS, LLC. (now known as SBA TOWERS II, LLC)("SBA"), and OMNIPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (now known as T-MOBILE NORTHEAST, LLC)("T-Mobile") (collectively called "the Parties"), through their respective attorneys, have consented to the making and entry of this judgment in settlement of the above-captioned administrative appeal of the final decision in Council Docket No. 366;

- 1. With the consent of the Parties, the Court hereby AFFIRMS the Council's Findings of Fact in its final decision in Council Docket No. 366.
- 2. With the consent of the Parties, the Court hereby AFFIRMS the Council's opinion and its final decision in Council Docket No. 366.
- 3. With the consent of the Parties, the Court hereby APPROVES Exhibit A to this Stipulation, consisting of a revised and amended Development & Management Plan ("D&M Plan"), which includes construction drawings prepared by CHA Companies and included in Exhibit A and as dated/last revised as noted in the chart also included in Exhibit A. Future modifications to the D&M Plan as may be necessitated by the City of Danbury Building Department, construction, or other subsequent modifications sought by SBA, T-Mobile or third parties shall be reviewed by the Council subject to the Council's regulatory processes and any jurisdictional limits and subject to the conditions herein. Any field changes, D&M Plan amendments or exempt modifications will be subject to the requirement that Defendant SBA, or its authorized agents, provide notice to the Plaintiff City of Danbury with an opportunity to be heard prior to any Council action thereon, and

also shall be subject to any other required City permit(s) for such field changes, construction or facility site modifications. The Siting Council shall not acknowledge any future exempt modification notices or approve any tower sharing requests unless it determines that the proposed antennas are flush mounted to the tower and any new equipment is installed within the fenced compound in a manner consistent with the D&M Plan and this Stipulated Judgment which confirms the Council's April 2009 Decision & Order. Any other proposed modifications, applications and new and/or amended certificates must be designed to the greatest extent feasible to be consistent with the D&M Plan and this Stipulated Judgment, and the burden of proof for any proposed deviation shall be on the applicant(s) before the Council to demonstrate that such compliance is not feasible. The requirements set forth in the previous sentence may be waived by the City in its discretion. Any such future modifications to the D&M Plan shall not require review by this Court as part of this Stipulated Judgment. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, the height of the tower (140 feet as agreed to in this Stipulated Judgment), shall not be increased for any reason, unless consented to by the City.

- 4. With the consent of the Parties, the Court hereby APPROVES a name change and/or transfer of the Certificate issued in Docket No. 366 to SBA Towers II, LLC.
- 5. The City of Danbury hereby affirms that, other than issuance of a building permit and certificate of occupancy by the City of Danbury Building Official pursuant to Sections 29-263 and 29-265 of the State Building Code and the review and approval of a "B100a" plan pursuant to Section 19-13-B100a of the State Public Health Code and a determination of the City Health Department that a code complying reserve area exists for the existing church at 52 Stadley Rough Road, no other City permits, approvals or consents are or will be required for the cellular tower

facility as approved by the Council in Docket 366 and as shown in the revised and amended D&M Plan. Attached hereto and incorporated herein are the City Building Permit (foundation only/tower component pending) and B100a approvals for the cellular tower facility.

- 6. In the event, SBA, T-Mobile or a future co-locating tenant of SBA seeks to modify the facility by adding additional backup power, such parties shall use a fuel cell to the extent such technology is readily available for use and meets the backup power requirements for the site. If a fuel cell is not used, SBA, T-Mobile or a future co-locating tenant shall provide written notice to the City and to the Carvalheiros explaining the reasons why such technology is not then readily available for such intended use. Any permanent diesel, propane or natural gas power backup generators will be considered a secondary option and if used must be baffled, and the cycling times shall be scheduled between the hours of 9am and 5pm weekdays.
- Plaintiff JOSE AND CHRISTINA CARVALHEIRO shall be named as additional insureds under all insurance policies required to be maintained by SBA concerning the facility site, insuring the Carvalheiros against any damages for bodily injury and injury to property, with minimum coverage limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, solely to the extent such damages or injuries are determined to be caused in whole or in part by the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of SBA, and excluding damages or injuries arising solely out of the Carvalheiros' negligence or own actions or omissions. Such policies shall provide for at least thirty (30) days' written notice to the Carvalheiros of expiration; in case of expiration, new policies containing the same terms and conditions as referenced above shall be issued no later than the expiration date of the expiring policy. The Carvalheiros shall receive at least annual written notice of such coverages by certified mail, return receipt requested.

- 8. Each of the undersigned signatories has been duly authorized to execute and enter into this Stipulation on behalf of the Parties by their respective clients, companies, and/or members and this Stipulation shall be fully binding on each Parties' successors, assigns, members and officials.
- 9. Each of the Parties, in consideration of the terms and provisions hereof, and other good, valuable and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by each of the Parties, hereby covenants not to sue and hereby fully and forever does release and discharge the other Parties, as well as their affiliates, parent companies, subsidiaries, employees, officers, directors, members, administrators, agents, attorneys, predecessors, successors and/or assigns, from all actions, causes of action, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, extents, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, whether known or unknown, in law, admiralty or equity, which any of the Parties now has or hereafter can, shall, or may have against the other Parties by reason of anything or cause from the beginning of the world to the date hereof with respect to any matter concerning or arising out of the subject matter of the abovecaptioned action. However, the terms of this release shall not release, or in any way affect, the obligations of each of the Parties under this Stipulated Judgment. Moreover, the terms of this release shall not release, or in any way affect, the obligations of SBA and T-Mobile under any separate agreement concerning or relating to the lease and/or operation of the cellular tower facility at issue in this action.
- 10. This Court shall retain continuing jurisdiction to enforce the terms and conditions of this Stipulation for Judgment. In the event any party hereto is found by the Court to be in violation of any term of this Stipulation for Judgment (including but not limited to a failure to adhere to the

plans attached at Exhibit A), the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

- 11. This Judgment shall be effective immediately upon entry.
- 12. This Judgment shall be binding on the parties, their heirs, successors and assigns, and the City shall record the Judgment on the Danbury Land Records for the parcel at 14 Indian Spring Road within ten (10) days of entry of the Judgment by the Court.
- 13. Nothing in this Stipulated Judgment shall be construed as an approval by the City or the Carvalheiros of the tower facility which is the subject of this proceeding.

PLAINTIFF CITY OF DANBURY

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Date

DEFENDANTS
OPTASITE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC
(SBA TOWERS II, LLC)
OMNIPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
(T-MOBILE NORTHEAST, LLC)

Bv:

Christopher B. Fisher, Esq. (409919)

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EXHIBIT A

PROJE	PROJECT SUMMARY
SITE NAME	DANBURY-1
SITE ADORESS:	52 STADLEY ROUGH ROAD DANBURY, CT 06811
JURISDICTION	CT SITING COUNCIL
COUNTY.	FAIRFIELD COUNTY
PROPERTY OWNER:	CHRIST THE SHEPARD CHURCH PCA
APPLICANT.	SBA TOWERS II LLC SGO BROKEN SOUND PARKWAY BOCA RATON, FL 33487-2797 OFFICE: (361) 226-523 FAX: (361) 226-352
HOLLIS REDOING	(203) 464-3623
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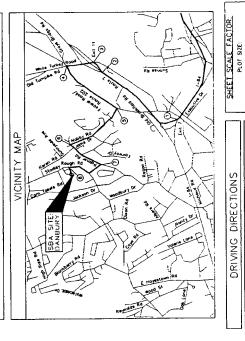
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52 STADLEY ROUGH ROAD DANBURY, CT 06811

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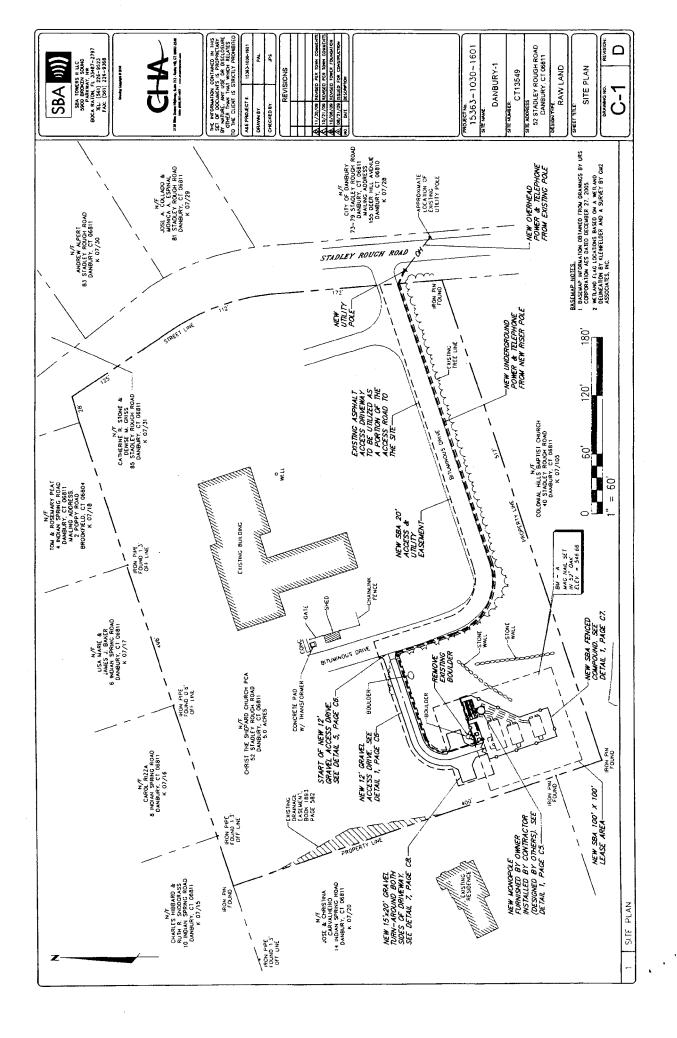
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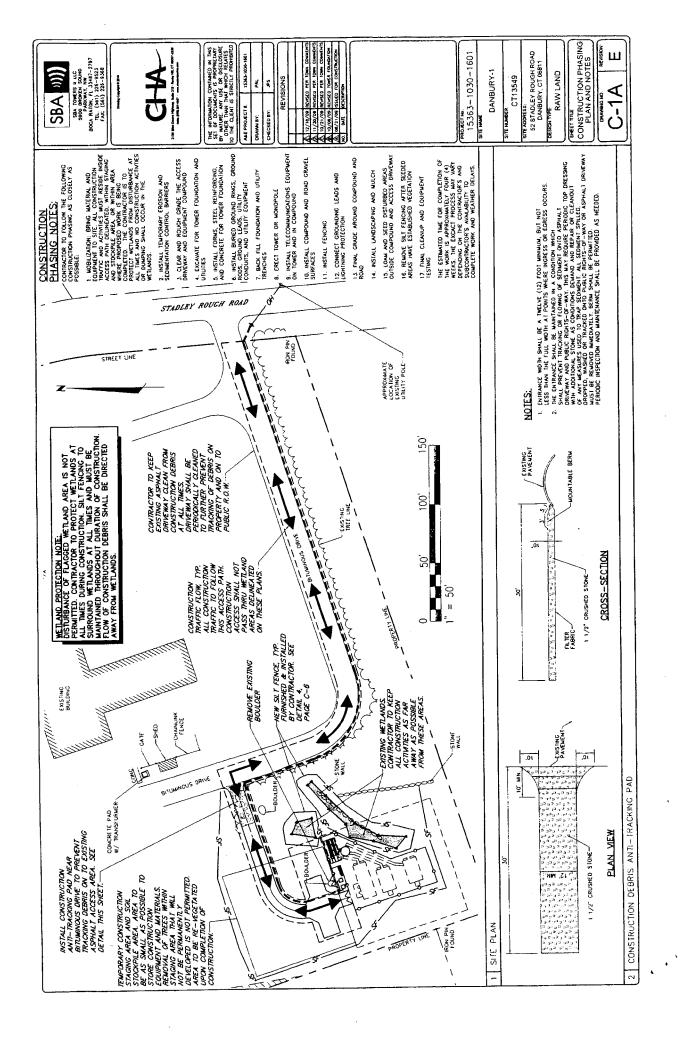
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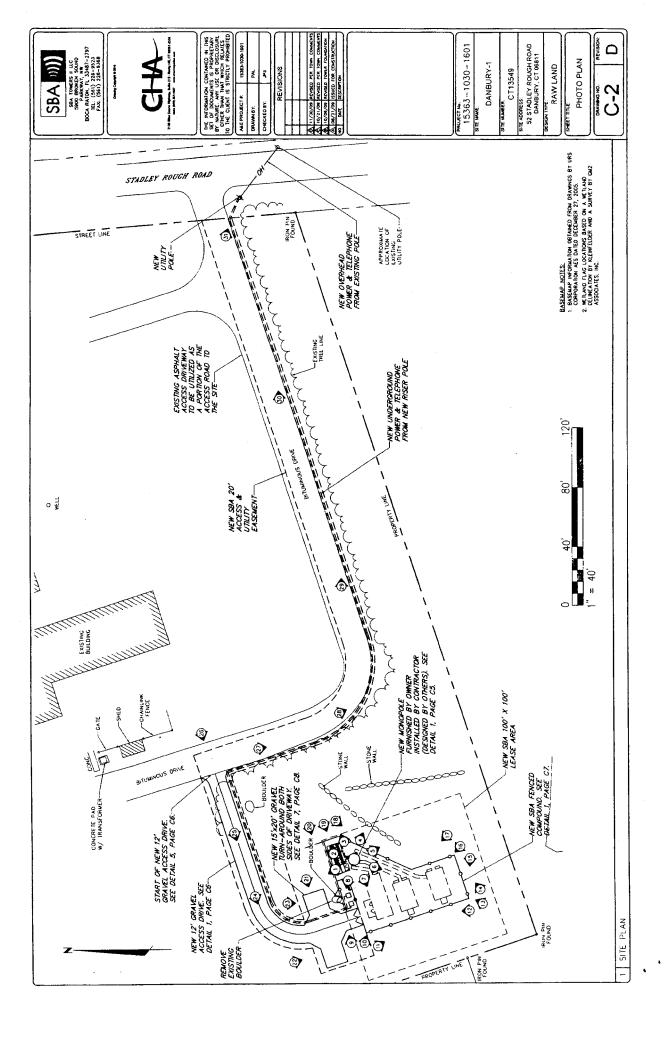
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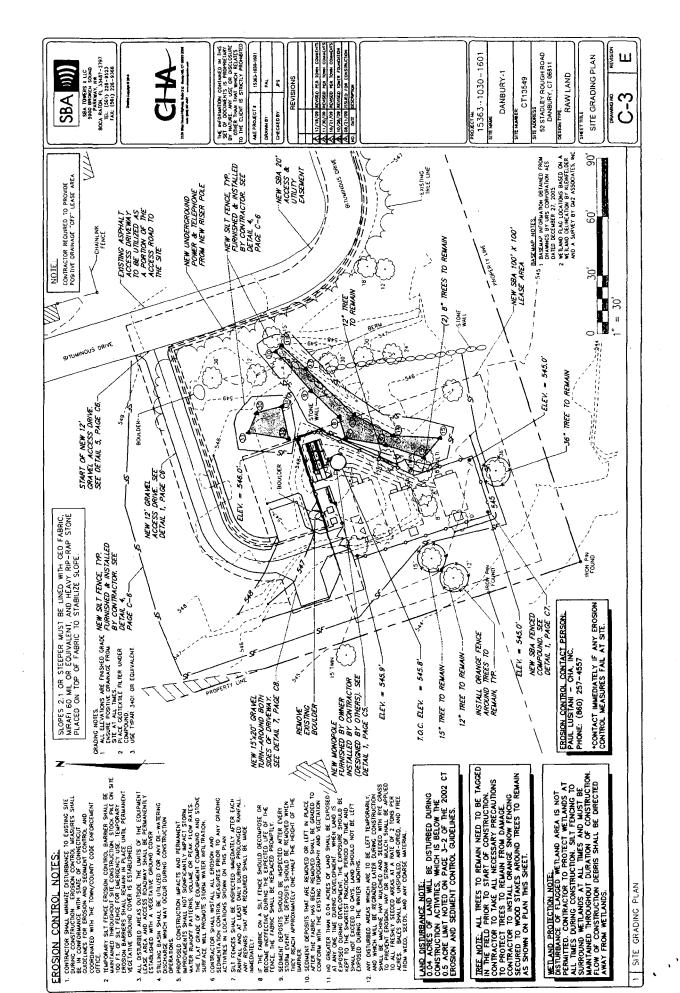
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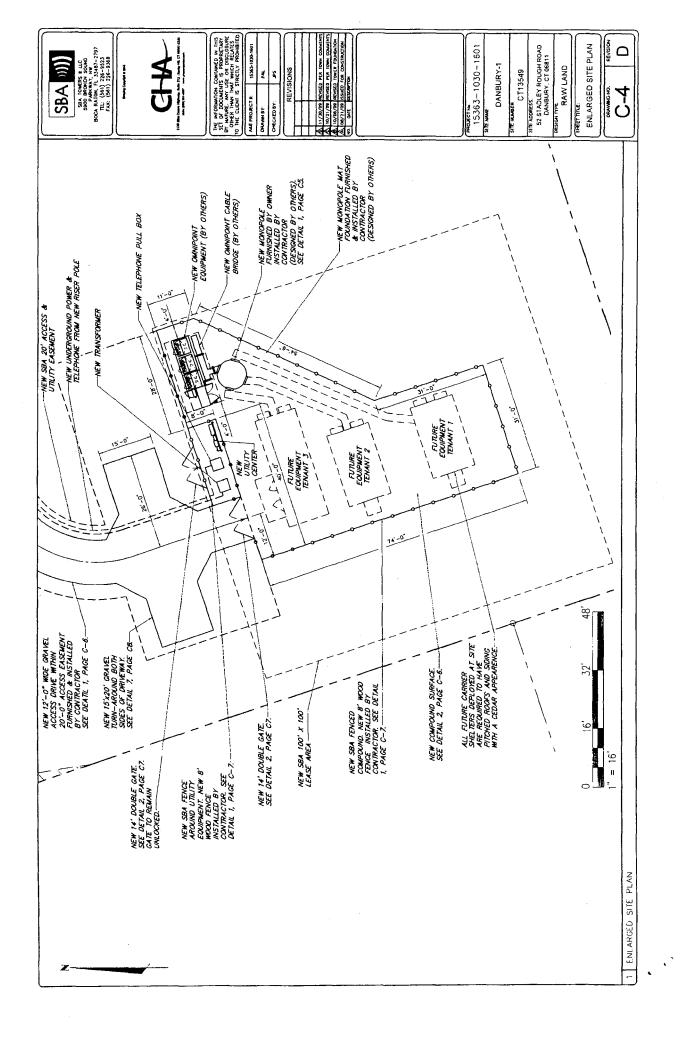
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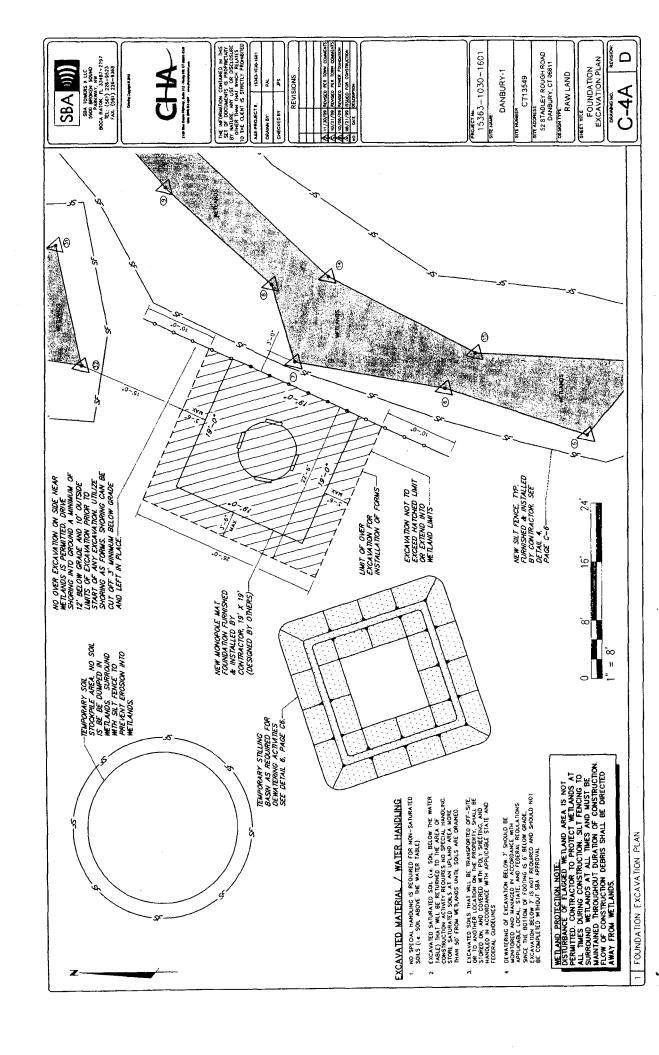


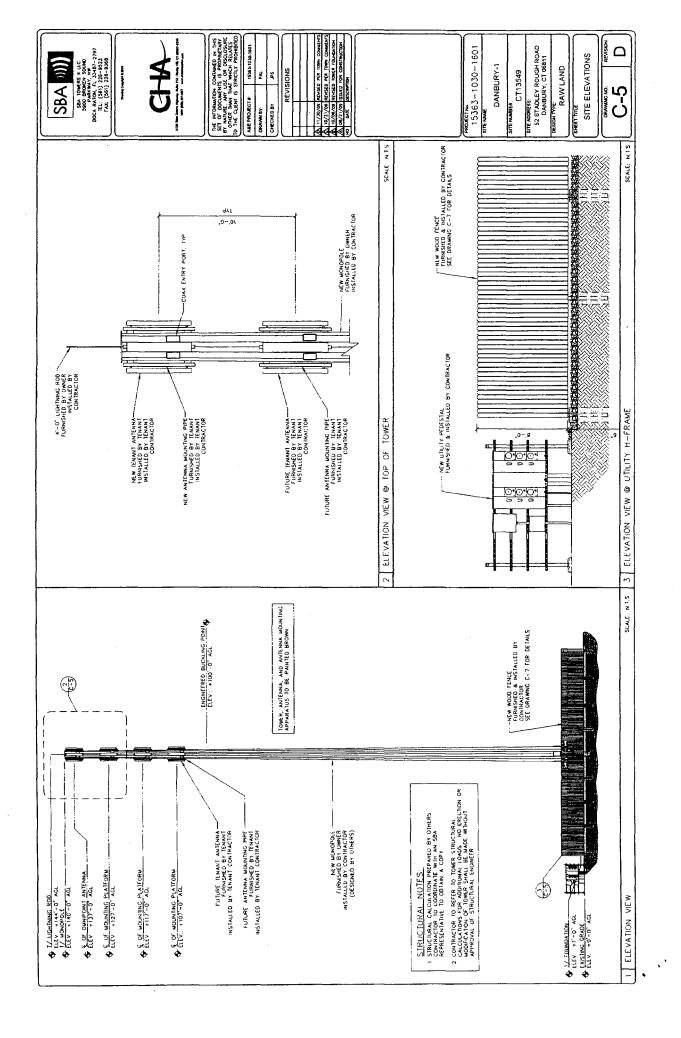


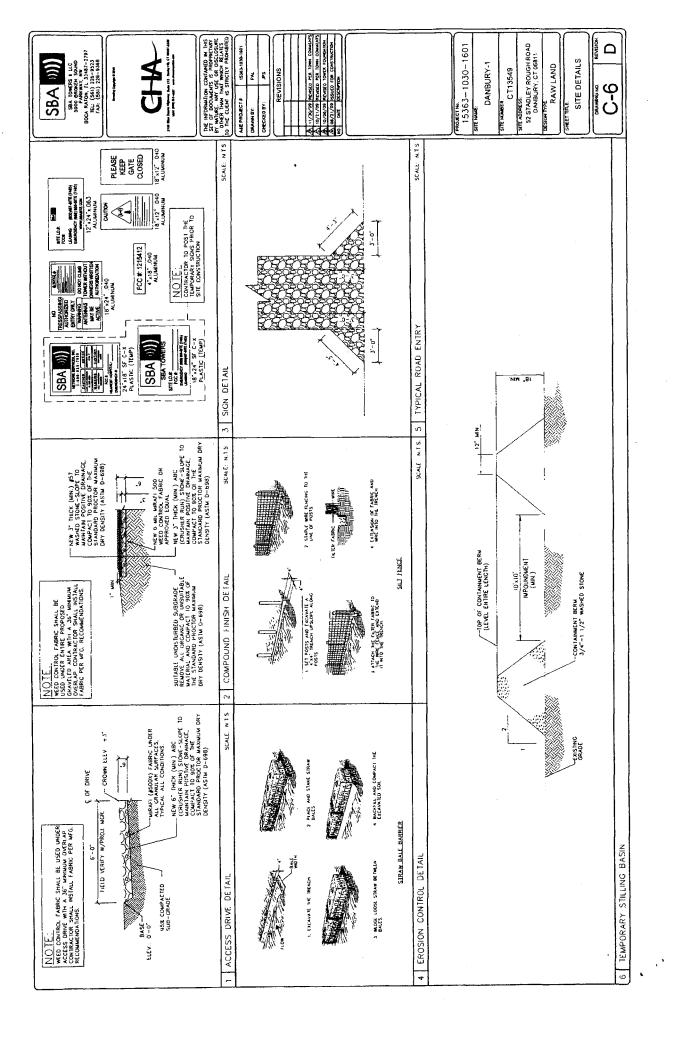


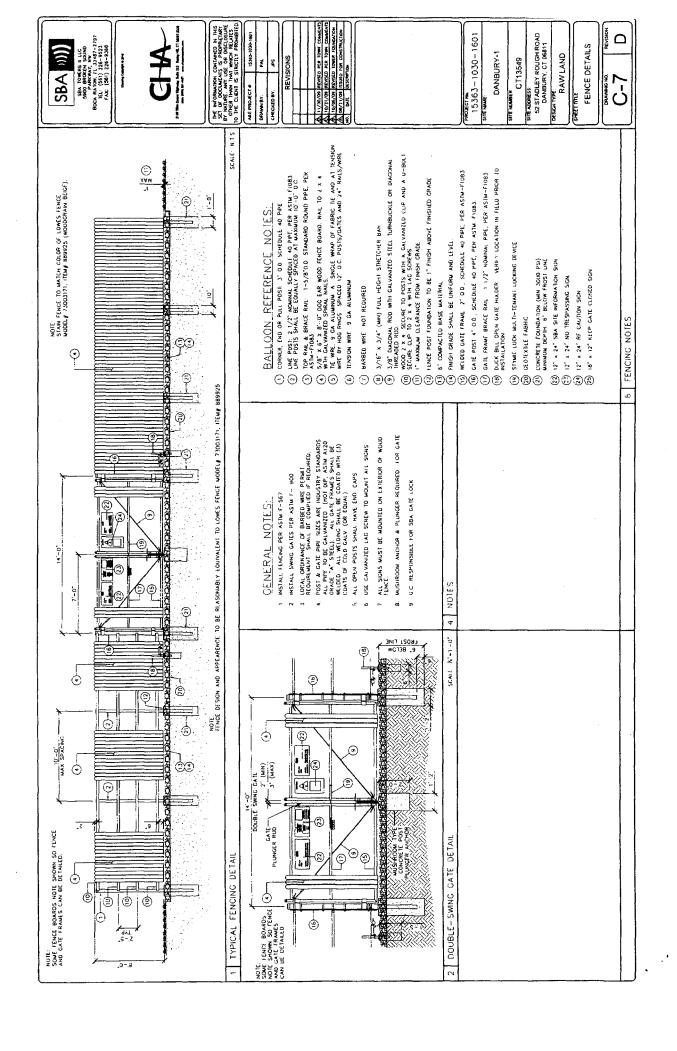


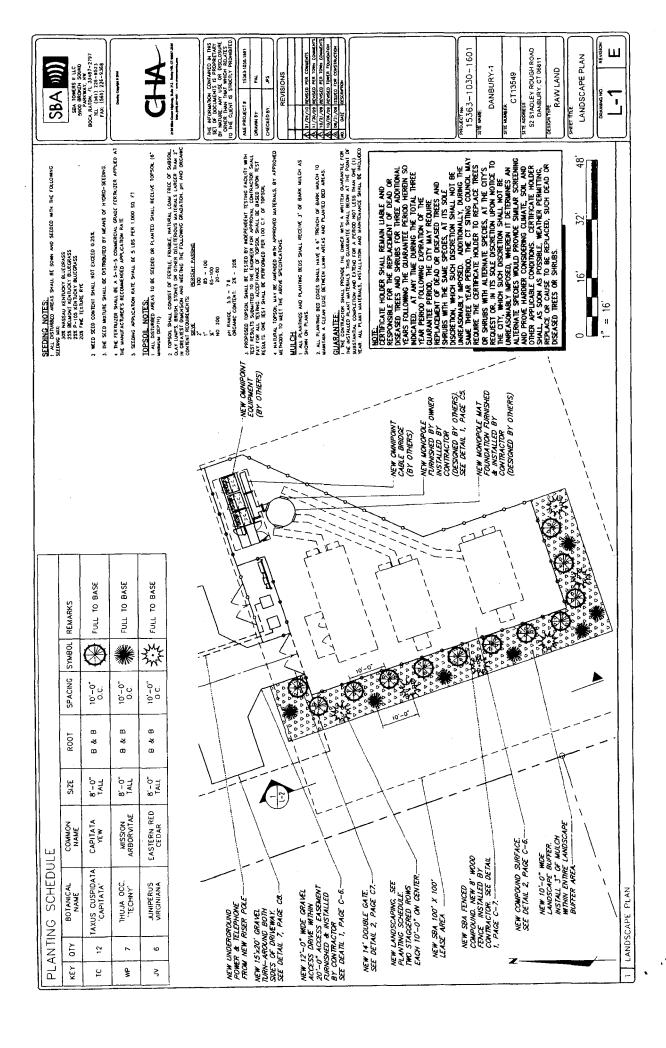


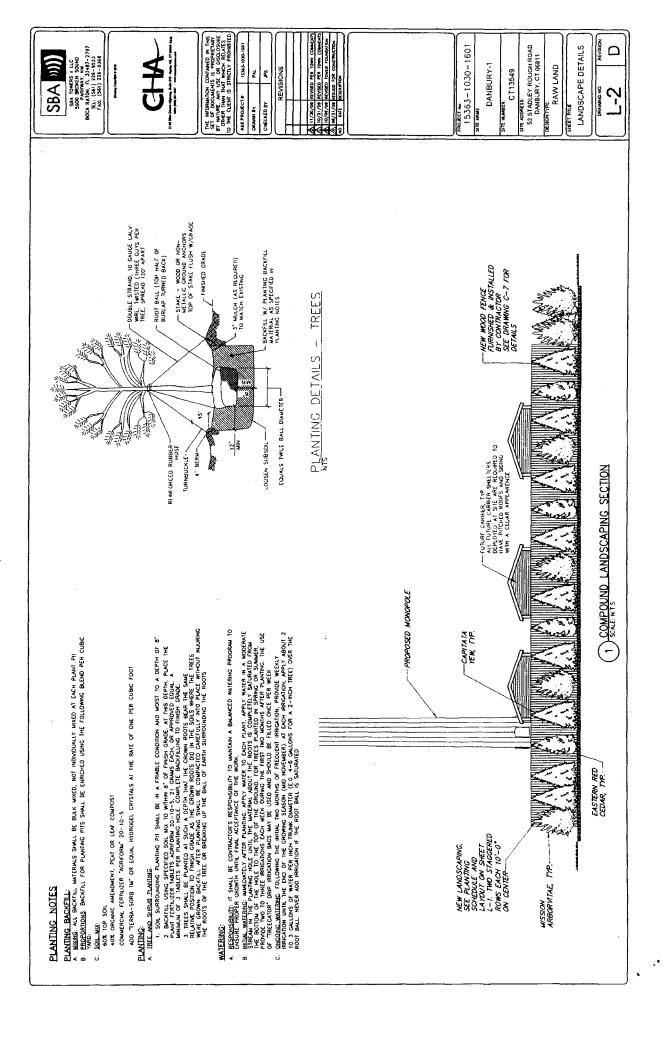


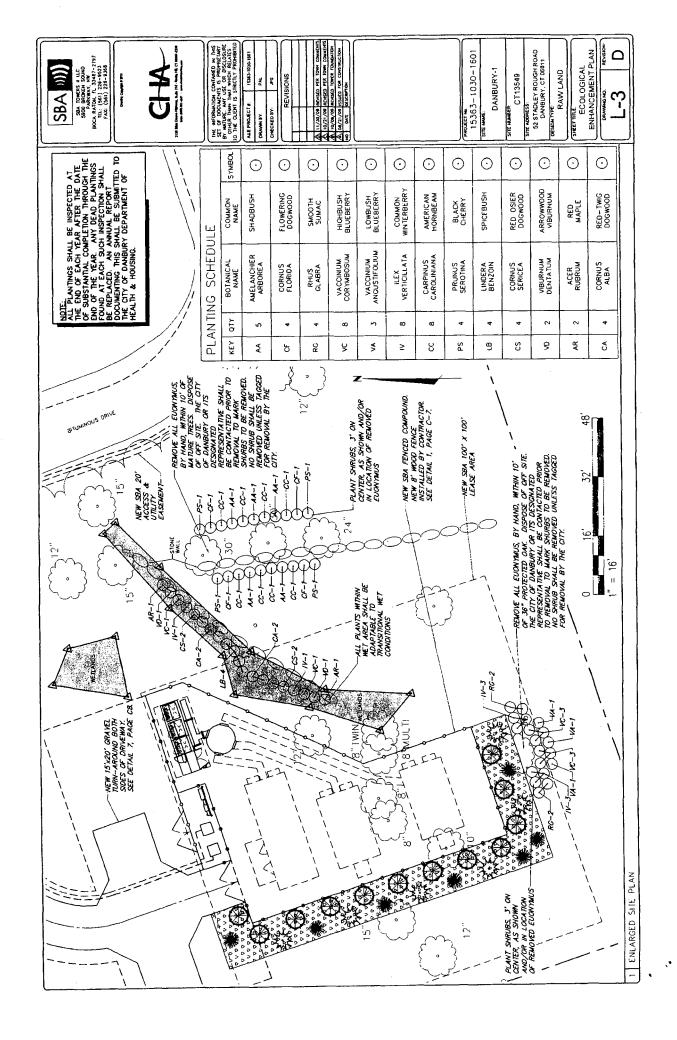


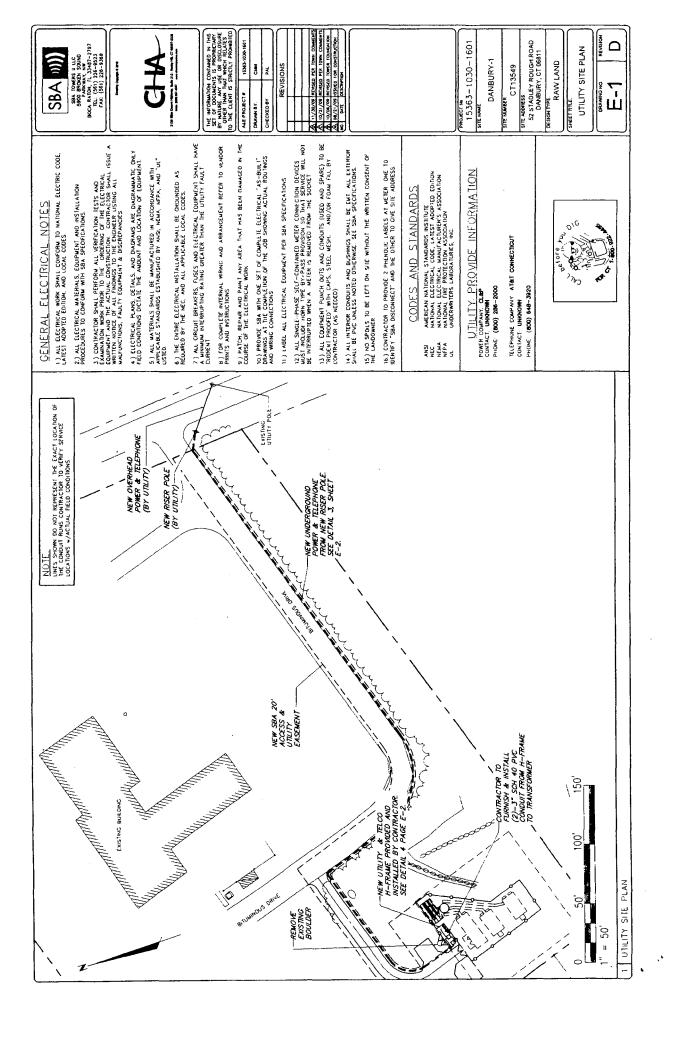


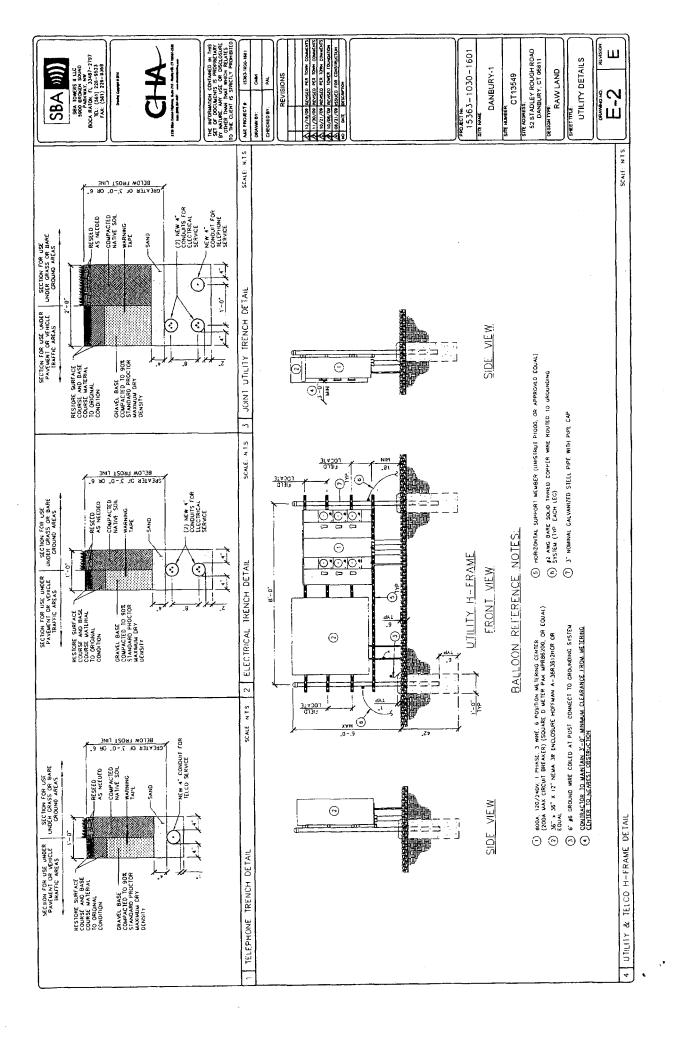


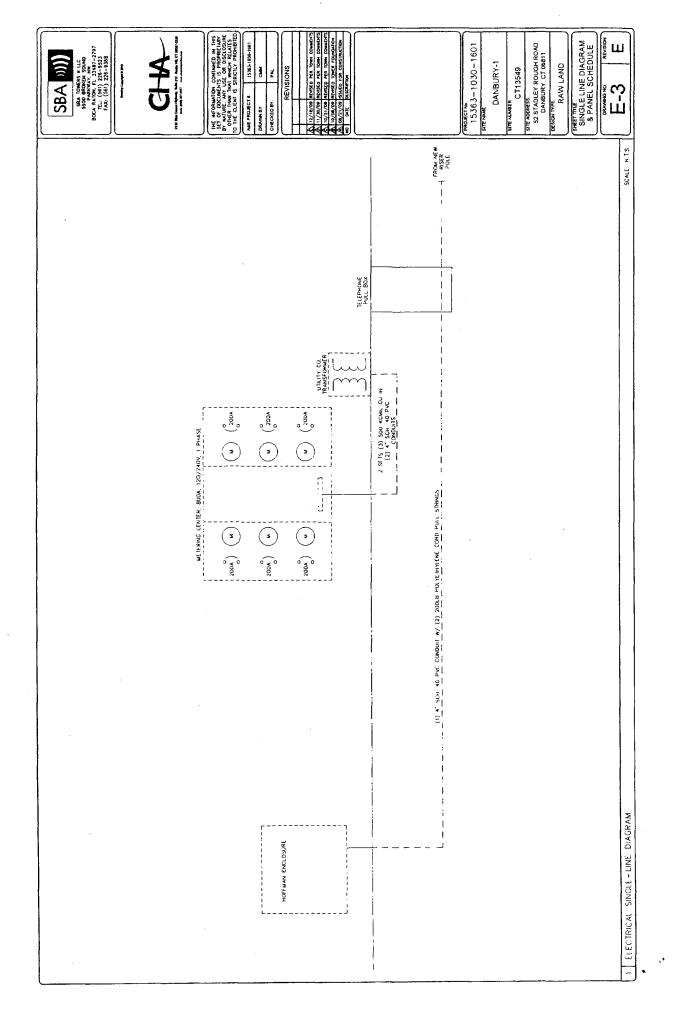


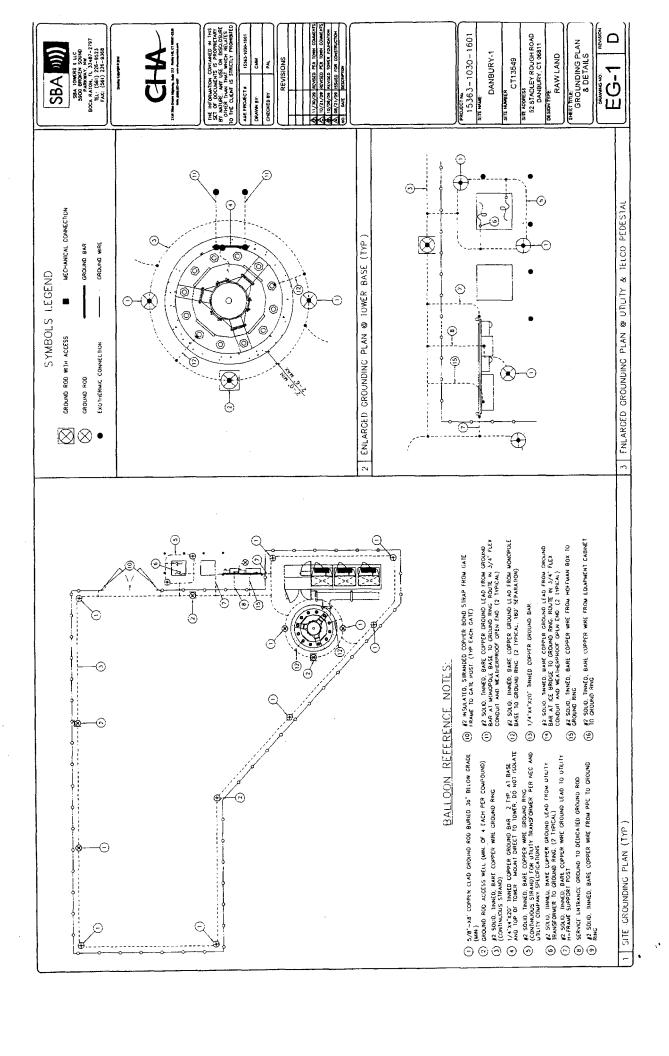


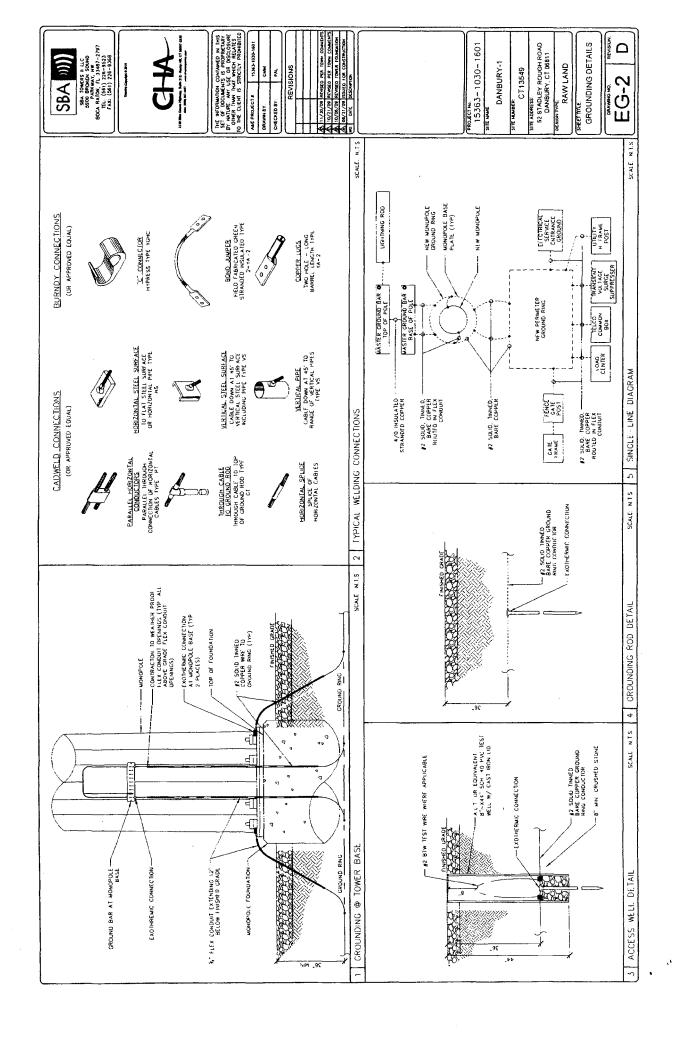


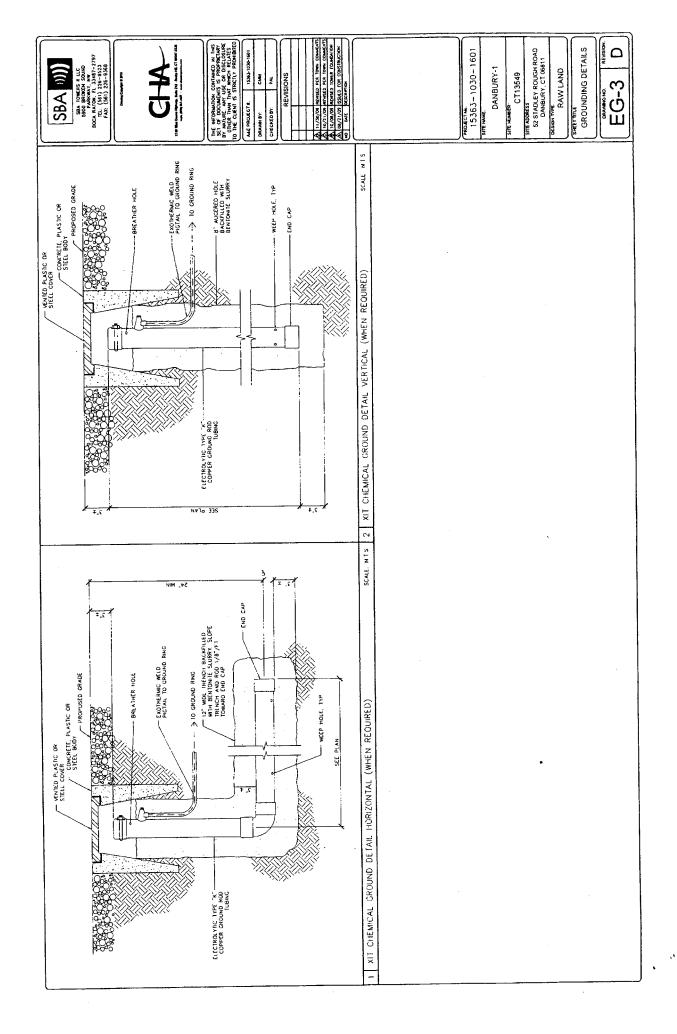












DOCKET NO. 366 - Optasite Towers LLC and Omnipoint }
Communications, Inc. application for a Certificate of
Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the }
construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications
facility located at 52 Stadley Rough Road in Danbury, }
Connecticut.

April 23, 2009

Decision and Order

Pursuant to the foregoing Findings of Fact and Opinion, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) finds that the effects associated with the construction, operation, and maintenance of a telecommunications facility, including effects on the natural environment; ecological integrity and balance; public health and safety; scenic, historic, and recreational values; forests and parks; air and water purity; and fish and wildlife are not disproportionate, either alone or cumulatively with other effects, when compared to need, are not in conflict with the policies of the State concerning such effects, and are not sufficient reason to deny the application, and therefore directs that a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, as provided by General Statutes § 16-50k, be issued to Optasite Towers LLC, hereinafter referred to as the Certificate Holder, for a telecommunications facility at 52 Stadley Rough Road, Danbury, Connecticut.

The facility shall be constructed, operated, and maintained substantially as specified in the Council's record in this matter, and subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The tower shall be constructed as a monopole, no taller than necessary to provide the proposed telecommunications services, sufficient to accommodate the antennas of Omnipoint Communications, Inc. and other entities, both public and private, but such tower shall not exceed a height of 140 feet above ground level. All antennas attached to the monopole shall be flush-mounted.
- 2. The Certificate Holder shall shift, to the extent feasible, the compound to the north and east to help retain the existing vegetative buffer.
- 3. The Certificate Holder shall incorporate an architectural treatment for the fence of the facility compound and any equipment shelters therein that is consistent with and amenable to adjacent land uses.
- 4. The Certificate Holder shall prepare a Development and Management (D&M) Plan for this site in compliance with Sections 16-50j-75 through 16-50j-77 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The D&M Plan shall be served on the City of Danbury for comment, and all parties and intervenors as listed in the service list, and submitted to and approved by the Council prior to the commencement of facility construction and shall include:

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- a) a final site plan(s) of site development to include specifications for the tower, tower foundation, antennas, equipment compound, radio equipment, access road, utility line, and landscaping that will provide additional vegetative buffering for the adjacent properties; and
- b) construction plans for site clearing, grading, landscaping, water drainage, and erosion and sedimentation controls consistent with the 2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control, as amended.
- 5. The Certificate Holder shall, prior to the commencement of operation, provide the Council worst-case modeling of the electromagnetic radio frequency power density of all proposed entities' antennas at the closest point of uncontrolled access to the tower base, consistent with Federal Communications Commission, Office of Engineering and Technology, Bulletin No. 65, August 1997. The Certificate Holder shall ensure a recalculated report of the electromagnetic radio frequency power density be submitted to the Council if and when circumstances in operation cause a change in power density above the levels calculated and provided pursuant to this Decision and Order.
- 6. Upon the establishment of any new State or federal radio frequency standards applicable to frequencies of this facility, the facility granted herein shall be brought into compliance with such standards.
- 7. The Certificate Holder shall permit public or private entities to share space on the proposed tower for fair consideration, or shall provide any requesting entity with specific legal, technical, environmental, or economic reasons precluding such tower sharing.
- 8. The Certificate Holder shall provide reasonable space on the tower for no compensation for any City of Danbury public safety services (police, fire and medical services), provided such use can be accommodated and is compatible with the structural integrity of the tower.
- 9. Unless otherwise approved by the Council, if the facility authorized herein is not fully constructed and providing wireless services within eighteen months from the date of the mailing of the Council's Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order (collectively called "Final Decision"), this Decision and Order shall be void, and the Certificate Holder shall dismantle the tower and remove all associated equipment or reapply for any continued or new use to the Council before any such use is made. The time between the filing and resolution of any appeals of the Council's Final Decision shall not be counted in calculating this deadline.
- 10. Any request for extension of the time period referred to in Condition 9 shall be filed with the Council not later than 60 days prior to the expiration date of this Certificate and shall be served on all parties and intervenors, as listed in the service list, and the City of Danbury. Any proposed modifications to this Decision and Order shall likewise be so served.
- 11. If the facility ceases to provide wireless services for a period of one year, this Decision and Order shall be void, and the Certificate Holder shall dismantle the tower and remove all associated equipment or reapply for any continued or new use to the Council before any such use is made.

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- 12. The Certificate Holder shall remove any nonfunctioning antenna, and associated antenna mounting equipment, within 60 days of the date the antenna ceased to function.
- 13. In accordance with Section 16-50j-77 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the Certificate Holder shall provide the Council with written notice two weeks prior to the commencement of site construction activities. In addition, the Certificate Holder shall provide the Council with written notice of the completion of site construction and the commencement of site operation.

Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50p, the Council hereby directs that a copy of the Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order be served on each person listed below, and notice of issuance shall be published in the <u>Danbury News-Times</u>.

By this Decision and Order, the Council disposes of the legal rights, duties, and privileges of each party named or admitted to the proceeding in accordance with Section 16-50j-17 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The parties and intervenors to this proceeding are:

APPLICANT

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