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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 30, 2003

Thomas J. Regan, Esq.
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Hartford, CT 06103-3402

RE: **PETITION NO. 627T** - Sprint Spectrum L.P. and Omnipoint Facilities Network 2, L.L.C. petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at 206 Everett Road, Easton, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Regan:

At a public meeting held on June 19, 2003, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered and ruled that this proposal would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect, and pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50k would not require a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need.

This decision is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Council and is not applicable to any other modification or construction. All work is to be implemented as specified in the petition, dated May 7, 2003.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the staff report on this project.

Very truly yours,

Pamela B. Katz, P.E.
Chairman

PBK/laf

Enclosure: Staff Report dated June 19, 2003

c: Honorable William J. Kupinse, First Selectman, Town of Easton
Planning and Zoning Official, Town of Easton



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Staff Report

Petition 627: Sprint

206 Everett Road, Easton

June 19, 2003

On June 11, 2003, Council member Ed Wilensky and staff member David Martin visited 206 Everett Road in Easton, the subject property of this Petition. Also present were several representatives of the companies party to the Petition: Tom Regan and Jason Pintek, representing Sprint, Stephen Humes and Jerry Aquino, representing T-Mobile, and Tom Flynn, representing the tower owner, Nextel.

The facility currently consists of a 120-foot tall monopole on which Nextel and AT&T have located antennas. The petition, jointly submitted by Sprint Spectrum and VoiceStream, seeks to extend the monopole an additional 38 feet to an overall height of 158 feet. Sprint would locate its antennas at the 158' level. Nextel would move its antennas from 118' to 148', and VoiceStream would install antennas at 138'. Sprint would also attach a GPS antenna at 65'.

The site is located in on a farm in a rural residential area. Existing vegetation screens the tower from most of its neighbors. It is visible only for a short distance on Everett Road.

The existing monopole was originally approved by the Town of Easton in 1999, before court decisions gave jurisdiction to the Council. In its approval, the town provided for a 40-foot extension to accommodate future carriers interested in sharing the site. This extension, in the town's opinion, was preferable to having additional towers built. In a phone conversation with Mr. Martin, the town's land use director confirmed that the original site approval provided for the tower's future extension and that the town had no concerns about the current proposal.

At staff's request, Sprint notified abutting property owners of its pending petition via certified mail.

Based on the facility's existing conditions and the town's original approval that foresaw the need to extend the tower, Sprint's and VoiceStream's petition is not expected to create any adverse environmental impacts.