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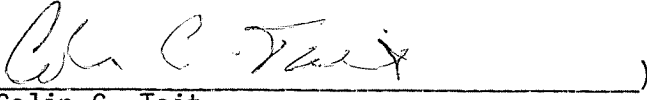
AN APPLICATION OF METRO MOBILE CTS OF : CONNECTICUT SITING  
NEW HAVEN, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF :  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC : COUNCIL  
NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, :  
AND OPERATION OF FACILITIES TO PROVIDE : April 14, 1986  
CELLULAR SERVICE IN NEW HAVEN COUNTY. :

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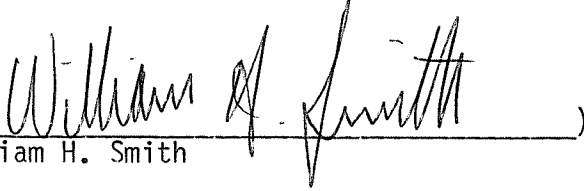
We dissent from the Decision and Order only in so far as it approves the Hamden site, viz. the addition of antennas to an existing tower located on private property within West Rock Ridge State Park. While we approve of the concept of tower sharing in general, we draw the line at the boundaries of park property. As a matter of principle no towers or additions thereto, large or small, should be constructed within park property except as a matter of last resort and only then on a clear and convincing demonstration of public need.

The goal of all state environmental agencies should be the removal of environmentally incompatible uses within park property. While each additional affront may be small in and of itself, incrementalism is not only the bane of camels but also the environment. Each addition to the tower makes it less and less likely that the tower will ever be removed. The more trimmings that are put on the tree, the more beautiful and indispensable the tree becomes to the trimmers.

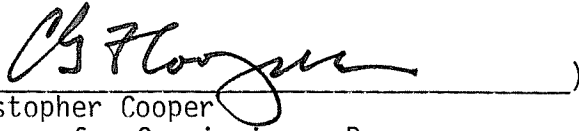
The applicant has not made an adequate showing of public need for the West Rock Ridge State Park site. In particular, it has not sufficiently explored alternative tower sites or the use of rooftops in the City of New Haven. Because the applicant's demonstration of public need has been neither clear nor convincing, we dissent.



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