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AN APPLICATION OF CENTURY CABLE
MANAGEMENT CORPORATION FOR A
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A
COMMUNITY ANTENNA TELEVISION
TOWER IN THE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM,
CONNECTICUT.

CONNECTICUT SITING
COUNCIL

August 4, 1987

D I S S E N T I N G O P I N I O N

The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) has raised concerns regarding the promixmity of the proposed 300-foot tower in this application to a 197-year old house which possesses local architectural and historic significance. Under section 16-50p of the General Statutes of Connecticut, the Siting Council must weigh the need for a proposed facility against the probable environmental effect, including, ". . . scenic, historic, and recreational values . . ."


The applicant should have inquired of the SHPO earlier, but failed to do so. Indeed, staff asked the applicant to obtain the comments of the SHPO three times before they were submitted, as a late file. The first response by the applicant in pre-hearing responses was a letter it had sent to the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, which is unaffiliated with the SHPO. The second response, at the

hearing on this docket, indicated that a letter from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation had been provided to the Council. Only a third request finally elicited the SHPO comments.

The parcel of land on which the tower would be located includes 311 acres. The proposed tower could be moved as much as 2,000 feet from its proposed site and still remain on this same parcel.

The only evidence to support the contention that the applicant cannot relocate the tower to another site on this parcel is a conclusory statement by the applicant's attorney that it is "impossible". This is hearsay evidence.

Without the proper evidence as to why the applicant cannot relocate its tower site, I cannot approve, and therefore dissent.



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