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RE: Post-Construction Report - **DOCKET NO. 427** - North Atlantic Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 171 Short Beach Road, Branford, Connecticut.

On December 13, 2012, the Council approved an application from North Atlantic Towers, LLC (NAT) and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) for the construction of a 120-foot monopole located on a 0.87-acre commercial property at 171 Short Beach Road in Branford. The Development and Management Plan for the site was approved on March 7, 2013 with no conditions. .

NAT, the Certificate Holder, did not submit a notice of construction. An unannounced site visit was conducted on July 3, 2013. At that time, the tower was constructed and the compound partially constructed. E/S controls were deficient and notice was sent to the site manager, Keith Coppins, who promptly repaired the controls. NAT sent a notice of completion to the Council on April 30, 2014. A post-construction field review of the site was conducted on May 14, 2014.

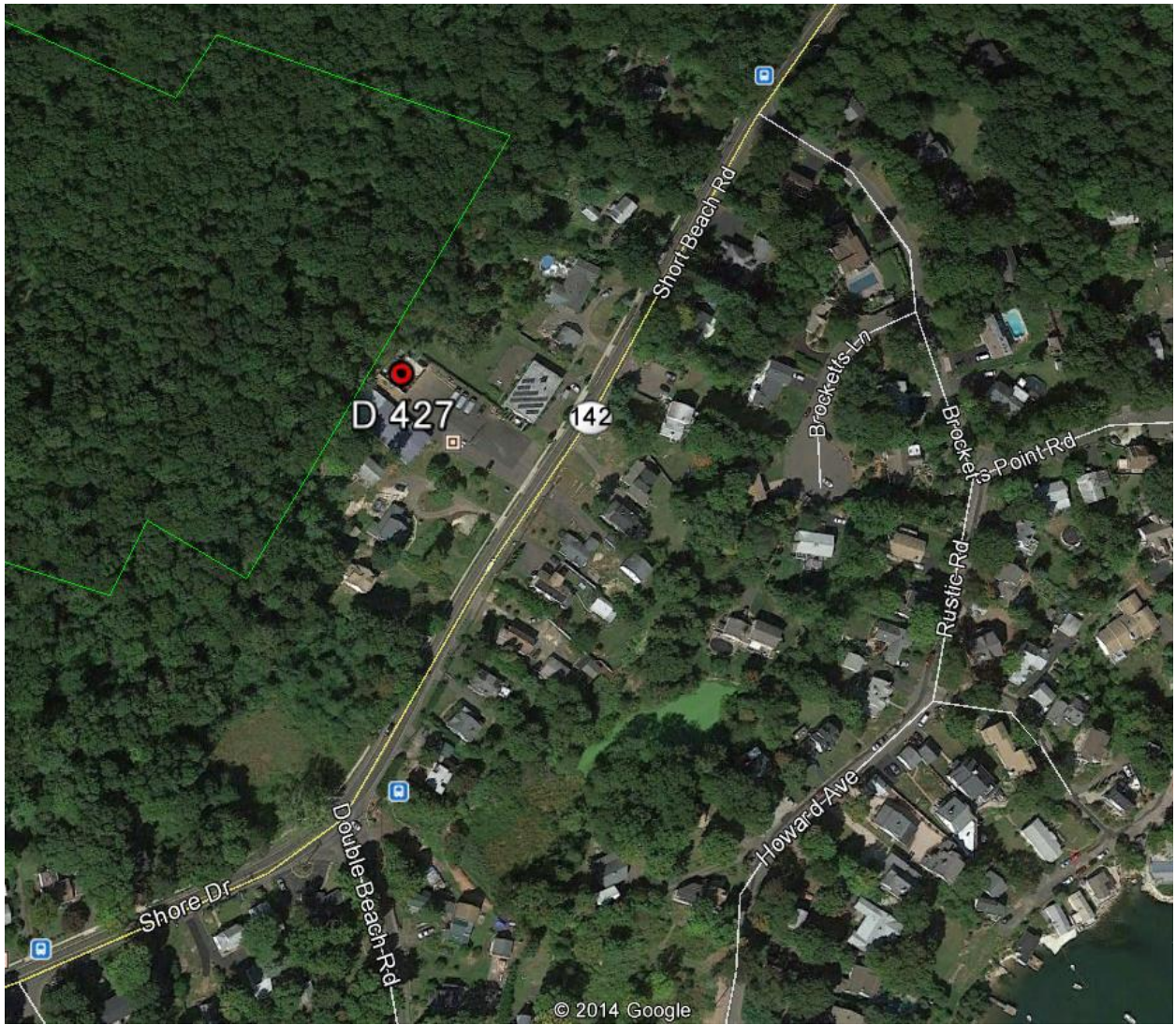
The facility is located on the east side and rear of the parcel which contains a one-story commercial building and large paved parking area. The site is at the rear edge of the parking lot. Access to the facility is through the parking lot. AT&T installed antennas on a platform at 120 feet. Verizon installed antennas on a platform at 100 feet. Two other tower levels are available for collocation.

A 50-foot by 50-foot equipment compound was constructed, enclosed by an eight-foot high wood stockade fence. Arborvitae screening was installed on the south side, facing the street. Most of the planting have died and Mr. Coppins was notified. He intends to replace the plantings as well as remove silt fencing located to the rear of the compound.

Existing views of the tower generally conform to predicted views. Year-round views the entire facility are possible from several homes across the street as there are no mature trees along the street or on the host property to screen the site. Most of the tower is visible along Short Beach Road in close proximity to the site. More distant views occur from residential areas south of the site and from Parker Memorial Park, a shoreline park located 0.7 miles east of the site.

With the exception of the dead landscaping and remnant silt fencing, no other construction-related issues were evident at the time of the inspection. The observed physical conditions of this site appear to conform to the D&M Plan approved by the Council.

July 29, 2014 – Landscaping has been replaced, notified via email with photos.



Site of D 427- 120-foot monopole at 171 Short Beach Road, Branford.



View of Facility from Short Beach Road, from front of adjacent residential property.



Compound- front view



Compound – rear view



View of facility from across the street - east.



View of facility from across street- south.



View of facility from across street- northeast.



View tower from Lanphiers Cove Road, 0.18 miles south of site.



View of tower from Parker Memorial Park, 0.7 miles east.