

**DOCKET NO. 330** – 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 at 1294 Pleasant Valley Road North in Groton, }  
Connecticut.

Connecticut

Siting

Council

June 7, 2007

### **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 for the construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility to be located at 1294 Pleasant Valley Road North in Groton, 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 designed as a steel monopole and shall be constructed no taller than 140 feet above ground level to provide telecommunications services to both public and private entities.
2. 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 Town of Groton 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:
  - a) a final site plan(s) of site development to include specifications for the tower, tower foundation, antenna mountings, equipment building, access road, utility line, and landscaping; and
  - b) construction plans for site clearing, water drainage, and erosion and sedimentation control consistent with the 2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control, as amended.

3. The Certificate Holder shall, prior to the commencement of operation, provide the Council worst-case modeling of 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 electromagnetic radio frequency power density is submitted to the Council in the event other carriers locate at this facility or if circumstances in operation cause a change in power density above the levels calculated and provided pursuant to this Decision and Order.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. The Certificate Holder shall provide reasonable space on the tower for no compensation for any Town of Groton public safety services (police, fire and medical services), provided such use can be accommodated and is compatible with the structural integrity of the tower.
7. 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.
8. Any request for extension of the time period referred to in Condition 7 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 Town of Groton. Any proposed modifications to this Decision and Order shall likewise be so served.
9. 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.
10. The Certificate Holder shall remove any nonfunctioning antenna, and associated antenna mounting equipment, within 60 days of the date the antenna ceased to function.

11. 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, we hereby direct 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 New London Day and the Norwich Bulletin.

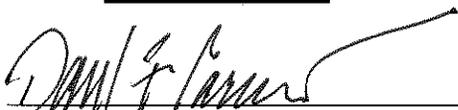
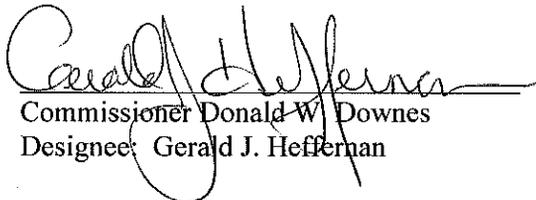
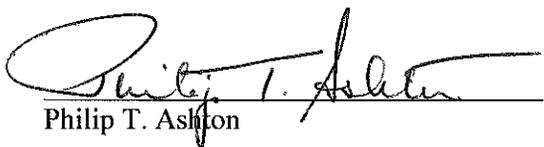
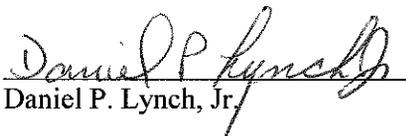
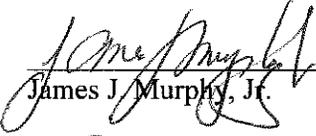
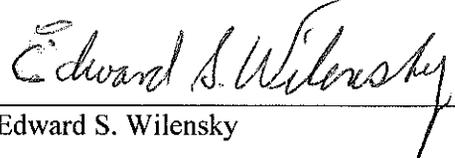
By this Decision and Order, the Council disposes of the legal rights, duties, and privileges of each party named or admitted to the proceeding in accordance with Section 16-50j-17 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The parties and intervenors in this proceeding are:

<b>Status Granted</b>	<b>Status Holder (name, address &amp; phone number)</b>	<b>Representative (name, address &amp; phone number)</b>
<b>Applicant</b>	Optasite Towers, LLC One Research Drive, Suite 200C Westborough, MA 01581  Omnipoint Communications, Inc. 100 Filley Street Bloomfield, CT 06002	Julie Kohler, Esq. Carrie L. Larson, Esq. Cohen and Wolf, P.C. 1115 Broad Street Bridgeport, CT 06604 (203) 368-0211 (203) 394-9901 fax <a href="mailto:jkohler@cohenandwolf.com">jkohler@cohenandwolf.com</a> <a href="mailto:clarson@cohenandwolf.com">clarson@cohenandwolf.com</a>

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned members of the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) hereby certify that they have heard this case, or read the record thereof, in a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at 1294 Pleasant Valley Road North, Groton, Connecticut; and voted as follows to approve the proposed facility located at 1294 Pleasant Valley Road North, Groton, Connecticut:

<b><u>Council Members</u></b>	<b><u>Vote Cast</u></b>
 _____ Daniel F. Caruso, Chairman	Yes
 _____ Colin C. Tait, Vice Chairman	Yes
 _____ Commissioner Donald W. Downes Designee: Gerald J. Heffernan	Yes
 _____ Commissioner Gina McCarthy Designee: Brian J. Emerick	Abstain
 _____ Philip T. Ashton	Yes
 _____ Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.	Abstain
 _____ James J. Murphy, Jr.	Yes
 _____ Dr. Barbara Currier Bell	Yes
 _____ Edward S. Wilensky	Yes

Dated at New Britain, Connecticut, June 7, 2007.

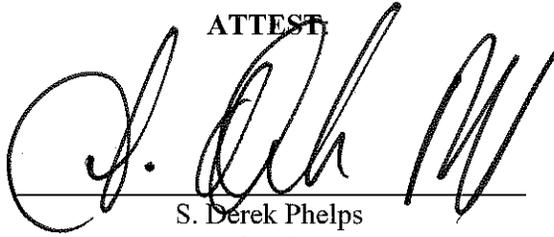
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ss. New Britain, Connecticut :

COUNTY OF HARTFORD )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order issued by the Connecticut Siting Council, State of Connecticut.

ATTEST:



S. Derek Phelps  
Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council

I certify that a copy of the Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision and Order in Docket No. 330 has been forwarded by Certified First Class Return Receipt Requested mail on June 12, 2007, to all parties and intervenors of record as listed on the attached service list, dated February 26, 2007.

ATTEST:



Lisa A. Fontaine  
Administrative Assistant  
Connecticut Siting Council

Date: February 26, 2007

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**LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS**  
**SERVICE LIST**

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