

AN APPLICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MICROWAVE TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY IN THE TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD, CONNECTICUT. : CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL : November 13, 1981

DECISION AND ORDER

The application of the Department of Environmental Protection to construct a 60 foot telecommunication tower on state owned property on Talcott Ridge in Bloomfield, Connecticut, is hereby approved, specifically, a free standing triangular lattice tower 60 feet high with two six foot dish antennas facing east mounted at the 57 foot level, one eight foot dish antenna facing west mounted at the 56 foot level, two stick antennas mounted at the top of the tower, and two stick antennas mounted at the 50 foot level; a cement block radio building 20 feet long and 16 feet wide and 11 feet high with emergency generators and a 110 gallon fuel storage tank; and a fence surrounding the tower and building. A certificate of environmental compatibility and public need, as required by section 16-50k of the General Statutes of Connecticut, revisions of 1958, revised to 1981, as amended, shall be issued, subject to the following conditions:

1. Tower Height

The tower shall be no higher than necessary to provide the service, and in no event shall it exceed 60 feet in height.

2. Additional Facilities

No facilities other than those described in the Findings of Fact shall be mounted on the tower without prior approval by the Council. This order does not authorize construction of any tower other than that described in the Findings of Fact.

3. Compliance With The Laws and Regulations

The applicant shall construct the tower and associated structures in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

4. Development and Management Plan

The Applicant shall, prior to the commencement of construction of the facility, submit to the Council for its approval a Development and Management Plan, which plan shall be approved, modified, or disapproved by the Council within 15 days after receipt. The Plan shall consist of a map or blueprint at a scale of 1"=100 feet or smaller (called "plan drawings") and supporting documents, which shall contain the following information:

- (a) the edges of the proposed site, the location of the proposed tower, equipment enclosure, and fence on the site, and the exact location of the utility conduit;
- (b) the edges of any clearing required, and the extent of any trimming required to obtain the necessary beam paths;
- (c) the exact height of the tower;

- (d) a description of planned site rehabilitation and landscaping to screen the facility from nearby recreational areas.

5. Notification Requirements

- (a) Except as otherwise authorized by the Council, no construction of the facility shall begin prior to approval by the Council.
- (b) The Applicant shall provide the Council, in writing, a minimum of two weeks in advance, notice of the beginning of construction of the facility.
- (c) The Applicant shall provide the Council with advance notice whenever a significant modification of the approved D&M plan is necessary such as a change in the location of the tower, associated equipment, or access road. The Council's staff shall promptly review the changes and, the Council shall approve, modify, or disapprove the changes.
- (d) The Applicant shall provide the Council with written notice of completion of construction and site rehabilitation within two weeks of such completion.
- (e) The Applicant shall provide the Council with a final report for the site after completion of all construction and rehabilitation within 120 days after such completion. The final report shall include the actual construction costs of the facility structures including but not limited to the following costs:

(i) construction of the facility, and (ii) rehabilitation.

6. Time Limitations

If the construction authorized under this Decision and Order is not completed before December 31, 1986, this Decision and Order shall be void.

7. Tower Removal

The existing 100 foot high Regional Access Frequency System tower on Talcott Ridge shall be dismantled and removed from the site within six months after the Regional Access Frequency System's telecommunication equipment is operating on the proposed tower.

The Applicant shall notify the Council when the tower has been removed.

We hereby direct, pursuant to section 16-50p(c) of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut revision of 1958, revised to 1981, as amended, that a copy of this order and opinion be served on each party as hereinafter named. A notice of this issuance of the order and opinion shall be published in the Hartford Courant.

The parties to this proceeding are:

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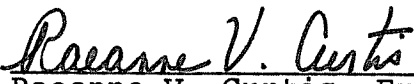
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT)
 : ss. New Britain, November 13, 1981
COUNTY OF HARTFORD)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct copy of the decision and order issued by the Connecticut Siting Council, State of Connecticut.

ATTEST:



Raeanne V. Curtis, Executive Assistant
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