

DOCKET NO. 42

AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY HARTFORD : CONNECTICUT SITING  
CATV, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF :  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC : COUNCIL  
NEED FOR THE ERECTION OF A COMMUNITY  
ANTENNA TELEVISION TOWER AND ASSOCIATED  
EQUIPMENT IN THE TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD, :  
CONNECTICUT. : June 6, 1984

O P I N I O N

Hartford CATV, Inc., applied to the Connecticut Siting Council for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a CATV tower and associated equipment in the Town of West Hartford.

Upon issuance of due notice, Council members inspected the proposed site and some of the applicant's existing facilities and held a public hearing including evening hours for the convenience of the public. The applicant presented testimony to support its claims that this facility is necessary, that any adverse environmental effects are minimal, and that alternative sites or technologies are unavailable or inappropriate. Parties to the proceeding presented testimony and exhibits regarding potential environmental effects of the proposed facility.

This application was submitted only for a CATV tower, although a satellite earth station has recently been installed at the site. It is apparent that this earth station would be associated with the proposed tower, and thus should be included in a complete review of the applicant's proposal. It also became apparent that the applicant's Vanderbilt Avenue facility which is proposed to be removed, was installed without necessary approval.

In addition, the record in this proceeding is not complete with regard to the site suitability for a safe tower foundation, or with regard to the availability, economics, and acceptability of alternate sites.

Therefore, the Council will deny this application without prejudice, and no issues considered in this proceeding are decided by this action.