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RE: **DOCKET NO. 365** - 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 located at 39  
Maennerchor Avenue, Norwich, Connecticut.

Dear Attorneys Larson and Kohler:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the enclosed letter from Senator Prague in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. Senator Prague expresses concern on behalf of her constituents about the balloon float that was held on Thursday, August 21, 2008.

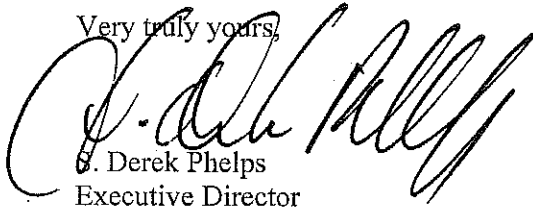
The Council notes that Attorney Larson, on behalf of Applicant Optasite, assembled a package of materials dated September 3, 2008, related to these issues in response to complaints expressed via e-mail from Robert York. That package contained, among other things, two sworn affidavits affirming that the balloon flew at the prescribed times.

Notwithstanding these assurances the Council wishes to respect the wishes of Senator Prague and thus request a supplemental balloon float on her behalf and those of her constituents. We are hopeful you will give consideration of this proposal from the Council in order that we may together honor the Senator's wishes.

Please indicate whether the applicants will take steps to arrange for a balloon float, with at least five day's notice, on a date and time that will be responsive to the concerns of the residents consistent with Senator Prague's request. If so, we further request whether the applicants will accommodate an extension of the public comment period for a period of 15 days past the date on which this supplemental balloon float occurs.

Thank you for your attention to these matters and your anticipated cooperation. We look forward to your response.

Very truly yours,



S. Derek Phelps  
Executive Director

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Enclosure: Senator Prague Letter, dated September 18, 2008

c: Council Members  
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