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Hon. Daniel F. Caruso, Chairman
and Members of the Siting Council
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Franklin, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 366
Request for Additional Balloon Float Test and Re-verification of Visibility

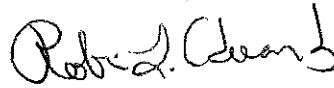
Dear Chairman Caruso and Members of the Council:

The City of Danbury respectfully requests that the applicant conduct an additional balloon float test so that the visibility of the height of the tower may be more greatly observed in the current existing leaf off conditions in the residential neighborhood where the siting of the tower is proposed. At the time of the balloon float on September 9, the leaves had not yet fallen from the trees. In addition, the weather conditions on that date were marginal. When describing the conditions at the hearing on October 28, 2008, Mr. Libertine, of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., indicated, "It was a pretty tough morning." (transcript p. 71). His testimony further indicates, it was rainy and windy, the balloon was down for part of the test and visibility was somewhat limited due to the cloud cover. Also, there is a discrepancy in the visibility of the proposed tower between the results from the applicant's balloon float test and the balloon float test conducted by the core neighborhood group opposing the tower siting. The core neighborhood group has also requested an additional test in leaf off conditions, with verification of the GPS coordinates utilized by the applicant.

The City respectfully submits that if a new balloon float test were conducted, in the current leaf off conditions, and in better weather conditions than the previously conducted test, in conjunction with representatives of the City and neighborhood core group present, the existing discrepancies could be thoroughly reviewed and discussed. Furthermore, a new balloon float test would present a clearer representation of the actual height and visibility of the proposed tower in the worst case scenario. It is also respectfully requested that during the course of the new balloon float test, the applicant, City and neighborhood representatives visit the study areas identified in the VHB report on page 3, as well as other relevant areas in the surrounding area to re-verify balloon visibility.

Accordingly, the City respectfully requests that the applicant conduct an additional balloon float test with the above discussed representatives present, and also that at the same time, the visibility of the balloon from various locations in the surrounding area be re-verified. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,



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