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IN RE:

APPLICATION OF OPTASITE TOWERS LLC  
AND OMNIPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR  
THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND  
OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
FACILITY AT 52 STADLEY ROUGH ROAD,  
DANBURY, CONNECTICUT

DOCKET NO. 366

February 10, 2009

POST-HEARING INTERROGATORIES  
OF CITY OF DANBURY TO  
OPTASITE TOWERS LLC ("OPTASITE") AND  
OMNIPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. ("T-MOBILE")  
RE: EXHIBIT 14

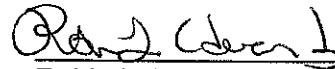
- Q1. Mr. Rieger includes a site map in his 1/21/09 report (Sheet C02) in which the location of the two on-site wetlands are depicted. According to the previous Kleinfelder report of April 9, 2008, it appears that the wetlands on site were not delineated by Mr. Rieger, but by Jeffery Shamas. However, it also appears that Mr. Shamas is not listed as a soil scientist in the 2008 Registry of Soil Scientists of the Society of Soil Scientists of Southern New England. The City of Danbury and other CT municipalities utilize the Registry to ascertain that any wetland boundary submitted is in fact delineated by a professionally qualified soil scientist. Since Mr. Shamas is not listed in the 2008 Registry, please provide the qualifications of Mr. Shamas to alternatively demonstrate that Mr. Shamas did in fact meet the federal OPM standards to practice soils science at the time of the wetland investigation, as referenced in Sec 22a-38 of CT General Statutes and the City of Danbury Inland-Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.
- Q2. Please provide: 1) the name, 2) the soil science credentials, and 3) the methodology employed of the individual from URS who delineated the wetlands that are also depicted on Sheet CO2 of Mr. Rieger's report.
- Q3. Mr. Rieger's report mentions two site visits in which observational data was collected regarding the surface hydrology of the two (2) wetlands located on site. The site visits referenced in his report were on March 18, 2008 by Jeffery Shamas of Kelinfelder, and sometime in winter of January 2006 by a staff member of URS. Mr. Rieger's report references the more general regional weather records to assert that the two wetlands

are typically dry throughout the spring season. Please indicate whether there were any additional site visits conducted during the spring or early summer, or was his opinion regarding the actual surface hydrology of the two wetlands solely based upon those two visits by other staff?

- Q4. Marbled salamanders (*Ambystoma opacum*) are considered an indicator species of vernal pools and vernal water bodies. Marbled salamanders are late summer breeders, and migrate to lay their eggs in dry pools during the months of August to September in anticipation of fall precipitation, such as the fall precipitation noted by Mr. Rieger in his report (p.3 in his reference to Dr. Danzer's observation of pooled water during Danzer's November site visit). Since Mr. Rieger's report seems to be focused on those indicator species that rely on spring precipitation, rather than fall precipitation, please provide additional assurances, based upon field data collection, that marbled salamanders do not utilize either of the two wetlands located on site.

Dated at Danbury, Connecticut, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009.

City of Danbury



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the original and twenty (20) copies of the foregoing was delivered to the Connecticut Siting Council via overnight mail, with an electronic copy sent via email, and one (1) copy of the above was mailed to the Applicant's legal counsel via overnight mail, with a copy also electronically delivered, as follows:

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