

ATTACHMENT 5D



**State Historic
Preservation Office**



November 25, 2011

Ms. Lisa Isabella
SHPO/THPO Compliance Coordinator
Infinigy Engineering, PLLC
11 Hebert Drive
Latham, NY 12110

Subject: Proposed Telecommunications Facility
82 Short Beach Road
East Haven, CT

Dear Ms. Isabella:

The State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the information submitted for 82 Short Beach Road, in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

As stated in our letter dated October 13, 2011, based on the balloon test and site visit on September 16, 2011 and the photo simulations prepared by Infinigy Engineering, the proposed tower will not be visible from the potential Short Beach Historic District, which includes the Short Beach Union Church, a State Register of Historic Places listed property. However, it is the opinion of this office that the proposed 125-foot monopole will have an adverse effect on the Branford Electric Railway Historic District.

According to the submission dated November 21, 2011, North Atlantic Towers has decided to lower the height of the proposed telecommunications tower to 103 feet. Based on the submitted photo simulations, it is the opinion of this office that the proposed 103-foot monopole will have no adverse effect on the state's cultural resources.

This office appreciates the opportunity to have reviewed and commented on this undertaking.

For further information please contact Laura L. Mancuso, Environmental Review Coordinator, at (860) 256-2757 or laura.mancuso@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

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David Bahlman
State Historic Preservation Officer



Connecticut Department of
**ENERGY &
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION**

July 12, 2011

Douglas Jackson
Town Of East Haven, Fire Dept.
200 Main St
East Haven, CT 06512

Project: New communications tower at Riverside VFD, 82 Short Beach Rd., East Haven
Request No.: 201105794

Dear Douglas Jackson,

I have reviewed Natural Diversity Data Base maps and files regarding the area delineated on the map you provided for the proposed New communications tower at Riverside VFD, 82 Short Beach Rd., East Haven, Connecticut. I have determined that the proposed activities will not impact any extant populations of Federal or State Endangered, Threatened or Special Concern Species that occur in the vicinity of this property.

Natural Diversity Data Base information includes all information regarding critical biological resources available to us at the time of the request. This information is a compilation of data collected over the years by the Department of Environmental Protection's Natural History Survey and cooperating units of DEP, private conservation groups and the scientific community. This information is not necessarily the result of comprehensive or site-specific field investigations. Consultations with the Data Base should not be substitutes for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. Current research projects and new contributors continue to identify additional populations of species and locations of habitats of concern, as well as, enhance existing data. Such new information is incorporated into the Data Base as it becomes available.

Please contact me if you have further questions at (860) 424-3592, or dawn.mckay@ct.gov . Thank you for consulting the Natural Diversity Data Base. Also be advised that this is a preliminary review and not a final determination. A more detailed review may be conducted as part of any subsequent environmental permit applications submitted to DEP for the proposed site.

Sincerely,

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Dawn M. McKay

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