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RE: **Post-Construction Report - DOCKET NO. 441** – Homeland Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 10 Blackville Road, Washington, Connecticut.

On March 6, 2014, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Homeland Towers, LLC (HT) Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 10 Blackville Road, Washington, Connecticut. The Development and Management Plan for the site was approved on August 21, 2014. HT provided notice of commencement of construction beginning subsequent to approval of the D&M plans in accordance with the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-77.

On June 11, 2015, the Council approved the transfer of the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) for the above-referenced facility from Homeland Towers, LLC to InSite Towers Development, LLC (Insite):

On July 27, 2015, the Council granted Insite a one year extension to complete construction (deadline of September 6, 2015 to September 6, 2016).

On September 14, 2016, the Council received a construction completion and final report from Insite stating AT&T became operational on March 15, 2016 and the final cost of constructing the facility totaled \$454,728.39. Finding of Fact No. 67 reflects Insite's estimated construction cost to be \$378,000, not including tenant equipment costs. Also, Litchfield County Dispatch public safety equipment is installed and operating.

Fred Cunliffe conducted a post-construction field review of the site on May 20, 2016. The site is located on a 17.3-acre property owned by the Town of Washington, which uses it for its municipal garage and maintenance facility. At the time of the field review, the site was in service and utilities were in place. The site consists of a 135-foot monopine (overall height of 140 feet with its branches in place) within a 65-foot by 67-foot fenced compound.

AT&T initially proposed to install up to 12 antennas on the tower, however only six antennas (two per sector) were installed on a low profile platform at the top of tower. Ground level equipment includes an 11'5" by 16' equipment shelter and diesel generator for backup power. Litchfield County Dispatch, an intervenor in the proceeding, installed two omnidirectional antennas at 135 foot level and one omnidirectional antenna at the 76 foot level on the tower, and equipment cabinets and its own propane-fueled back-up power generator within the compound.

Vehicular access to the facility extends from Blackville Road and travels over existing paved areas for a distance of approximately 1,500 feet and then over a new gravel access drive that would be 23 feet long and 12 feet wide. Electric and telephone lines extend underground 450 feet north from Blackville Road rejoining the combined utility/access road easement and continuing 680 feet to the compound (1,130 feet total).

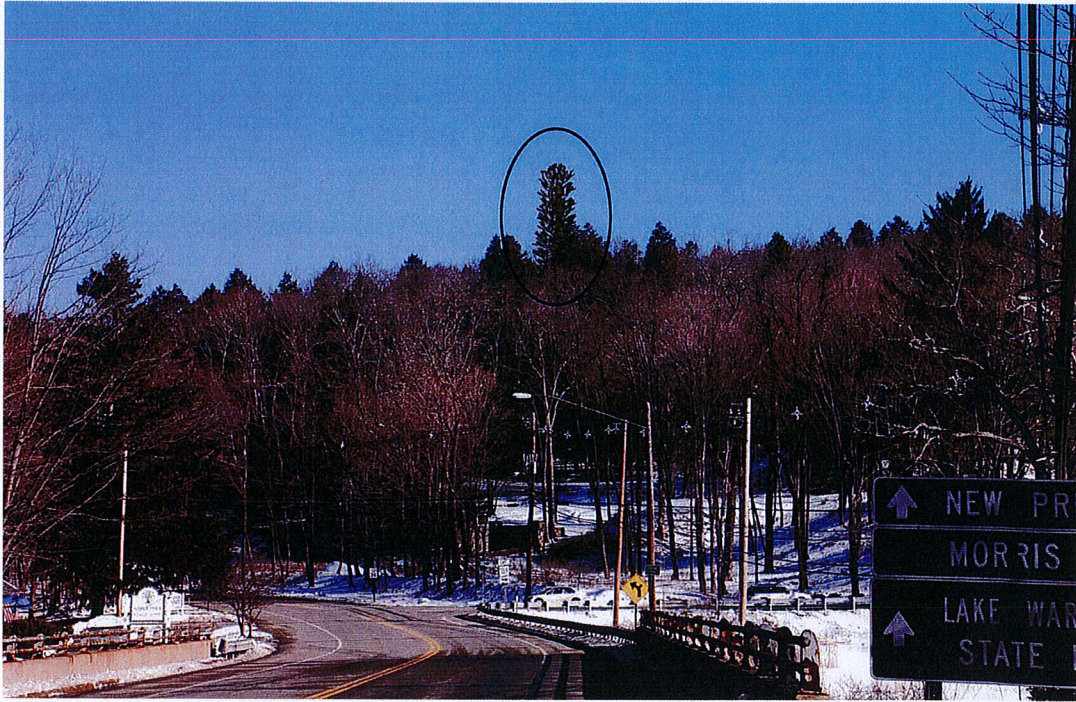
All disturbed areas are stabilized with crushed stone and no evidence of erosion is evident.

The observed physical conditions of this site conform to the D&M Plan approved by the Council.



Visibility Comparison

**Findings of Fact - Figure 7a:
Photosimulation of Proposed Monopine – from Bee Brook Road**



Staff Photograph – May 20, 2016

