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Post-Construction Report

Date: August 5, 2011

Re: **DOCKET NO. 366** - 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 52 Stadley Rough Road in Danbury, Connecticut.

In this docket, Optasite Tower (now SBA) proposed building a 140-foot monopole tower within a 55-foot by 90-foot compound on a 5-acre property owned by Christ the Shepherd Church at 52 Stadley Rough Road in Danbury. T-Mobile participated in the proceeding as the anchor tenant. The City of Danbury also participated as a party, mainly to express its opposition to the tower. The Council approved a facility with a 140-foot tower at the proposed site on April 23, 2009. The Decision and Order for this docket specified that all antennas attached to the tower must be flush-mounted. The Council's decision was subsequently challenged in court by the City of Danbury. The Development and Management Plan was approved on December 18, 2009, subject to a settlement agreement being reached between the City of Danbury and SBA Towers II in their litigation case.

I visited this site on August 5, 2011. At the time of my visit, all site construction work was completed. The tower was erected. The compound was well graveled and enclosed by an eight-foot wooden stockade fence. All utilities were hooked up. T-Mobile and MetroPCS had flush-mounted antennas in place on the tower. The compound's fence was jogged to avoid any work within a small wetland area just to the east of the compound. There were trees planted along the western side of the compound as called for in the D&M's Landscaping Plan.

This site is very flat with a short access road that extends from an existing driveway behind the church. There were no erosion issues at this site.

The visibility of this tower is most prominent in the flat, cleared areas immediately surrounding the church property, particularly the Colonial Hills Baptist Church on the adjacent property to the south. The tower's visibility is limited, however, by topography and mature deciduous trees. There are some distant views of the tower, for example the view from the intersection of Hawley Road and Great Plain Road.

Conditions observed at the site at the time of my visit conformed to the approved D&M plans.

View of tower



View of base compound



View of access road



Plantings on west side of compound



View of tower from Stadley Rough Road in front of Christ the Shepherd Church Property



View of tower from edge of Baptist Church property



Photosimulation from application



View of tower from Indian Spring Road



View from Hawley Road and Great Plains Road



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