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May 17, 2010

Mr. Howard Dennison, Chairman
Town of Fort Ann Planning Board
80 George Street
Fort Ann, NY 12827

**Re: Pilot Knob Rd. Cell Tower Site
Stormwater Management System**

Dear Mr. Dennison:

The above referenced site plan was personally reviewed in my capacity as a licensed professional engineer and the Lake George Waterkeeper. The Lake George Waterkeeper offers the following observations and comments regarding the existing stormwater controls at the above referenced facility.

The Lake George Waterkeeper has performed numerous site visits to the referenced facility, the most recent on April 22, 2010 to observe the stormwater management facilities. The weather was sunny and no precipitation was observed. There was no precipitation over the four days prior to the field observation. Observations consisted of visual assessments and field measurements. Field measurement consisted of utilizing a tape measure for dimensions and fold-out ruler for depths. Photographs were taken.

The Lake George Waterkeeper also reviewed personal office files and files on record at the Lake George Park Commission on the review of stormwater management application and subsequent post construction evaluations.

This information is summarized in the attached Project Memorandum and is the basis of the following Conclusions and Recommendations.

CONCLUSIONS:

Differences remain between the volumes of the stormwater ponds of the approved plans and from calculations based on measurements from the field observations. These differences are not resolved from the most recent information submitted by the applicant's agent to the Lake George Park Commission consisting of an uncertified survey and correspondence in November 2007. In addition, it is evident the majority of the runoff from the actual tower facility within the fenced compound is not directed to Pond 4 and flows off site without treatment or management.



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RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Lake George Waterkeeper makes the following recommendations: 1) The applicant should be required to provide a certified survey determining the actual post construction conditions; 2) The applicant should provide a certified comparison of the actual post construction conditions and the approved plan to verify the systems are properly constructed; 3) Runoff from the cell tower facility should receive management and treatment as required, and 4) The applicant should be required to provide documentation of the current bond required by the Lake George Park Commission.

The Lake George Waterkeeper looks forward to working with the Town of Fort Ann Planning Board to defend the natural resources of Lake George and its watershed. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Navitsky". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christopher Navitsky, P.E.
Lake George Waterkeeper

cc: Town of Fort Ann Planning Board
Tom Jarrett, PE – Jarrett Engineering
Michael White - Lake George Park Commission