



## **Executive Summary – Wind Power GeoPlanner™**

### **Licensed Microwave Search & Worst Case Fresnel Zone**

Comsearch performed an analysis to evaluate the potential effects of the planned Cohocton wind power project area in Steuben County, New York on existing non-federal government microwave telecom systems.

**Microwave Search Results:** Comsearch's Wind Power GeoPlanner™ provides a graphical representation of affected microwave paths and provides supporting technical parameters. The microwave path data is overlaid on topographic basemaps. Comsearch identified 6 microwave paths that intersect the project area (see Figure 1 and Table 1 below).

Comsearch then calculated a Worst Case Fresnel Zone (WCFZ) for each microwave path in the project area. The mid-point of a full microwave path is the location where the widest (or worst case) Fresnel zone occurs. Fresnel zones are calculated for each path using the following formula.

$$R_n \cong 17.3 \sqrt{\frac{n}{FGHz} \left( \frac{d_1 d_2}{d_1 + d_2} \right)}$$

The calculated WCFZ radius, giving the linear path an area or swath, buffers each microwave path in the project area. The distance unit is in meters and can be found in the column attribute "WCFZ." In general, this is the XY area where the planned wind turbines should be avoided, if possible. These areas are shown in Figures 2 through Figure 6.

Three microwave paths were identified (see Figures 3 through 6 and Table 2) to have a potential XY conflict with respect to four turbines: 149554, 149569, 149578 and 149590 (see Table 3).

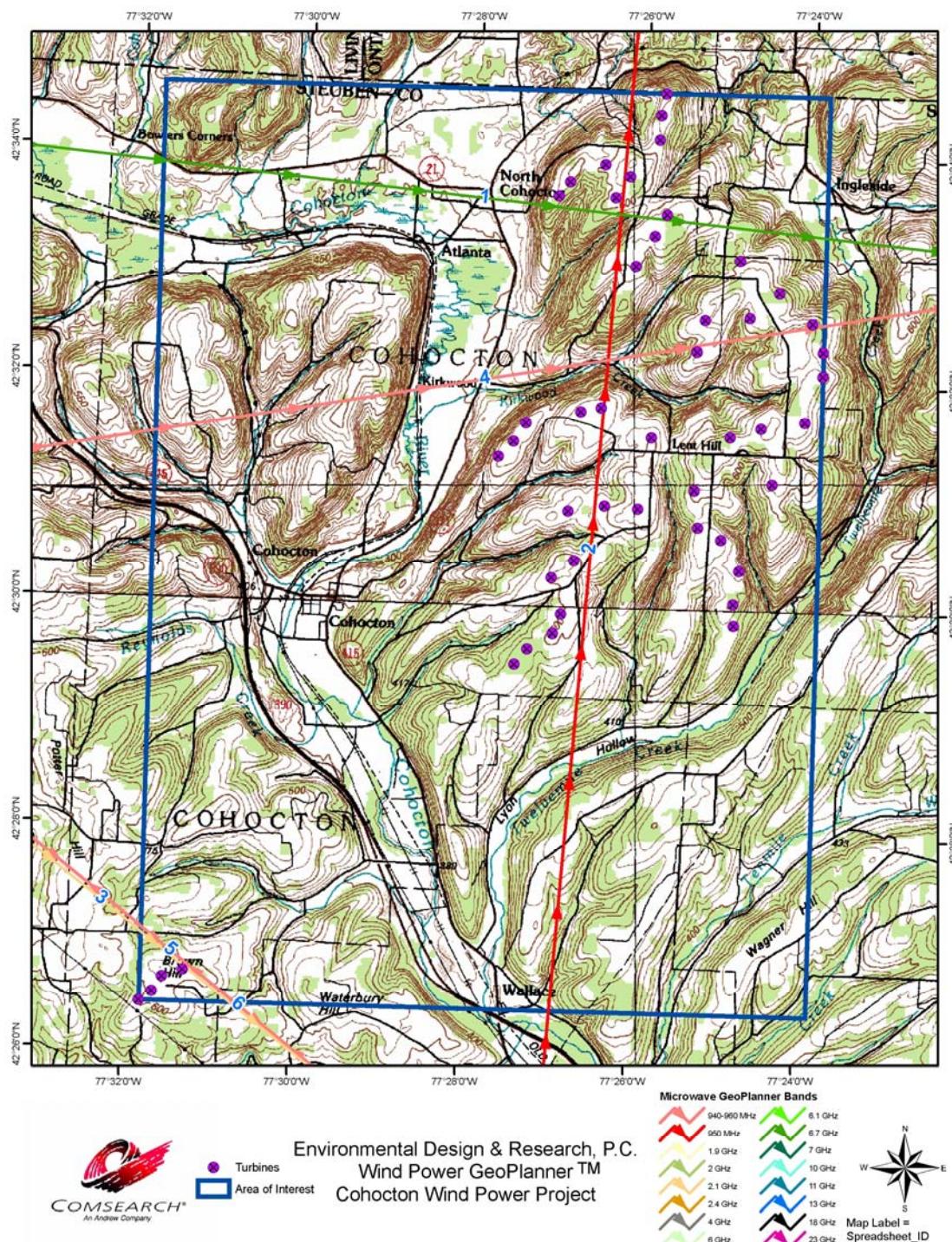
When wind turbines need to be located inside a WCFZ, Comsearch offers and recommends a detailed clearance study, which considers the vertical Z-height clearance objectives. Please contact Denise Finney at (703) 726 – 5650 for assistance.

**Turbines:** 49 turbines were considered in the analysis, each with a blade diameter of 87 meters. The coordinates provided were in NAD83.

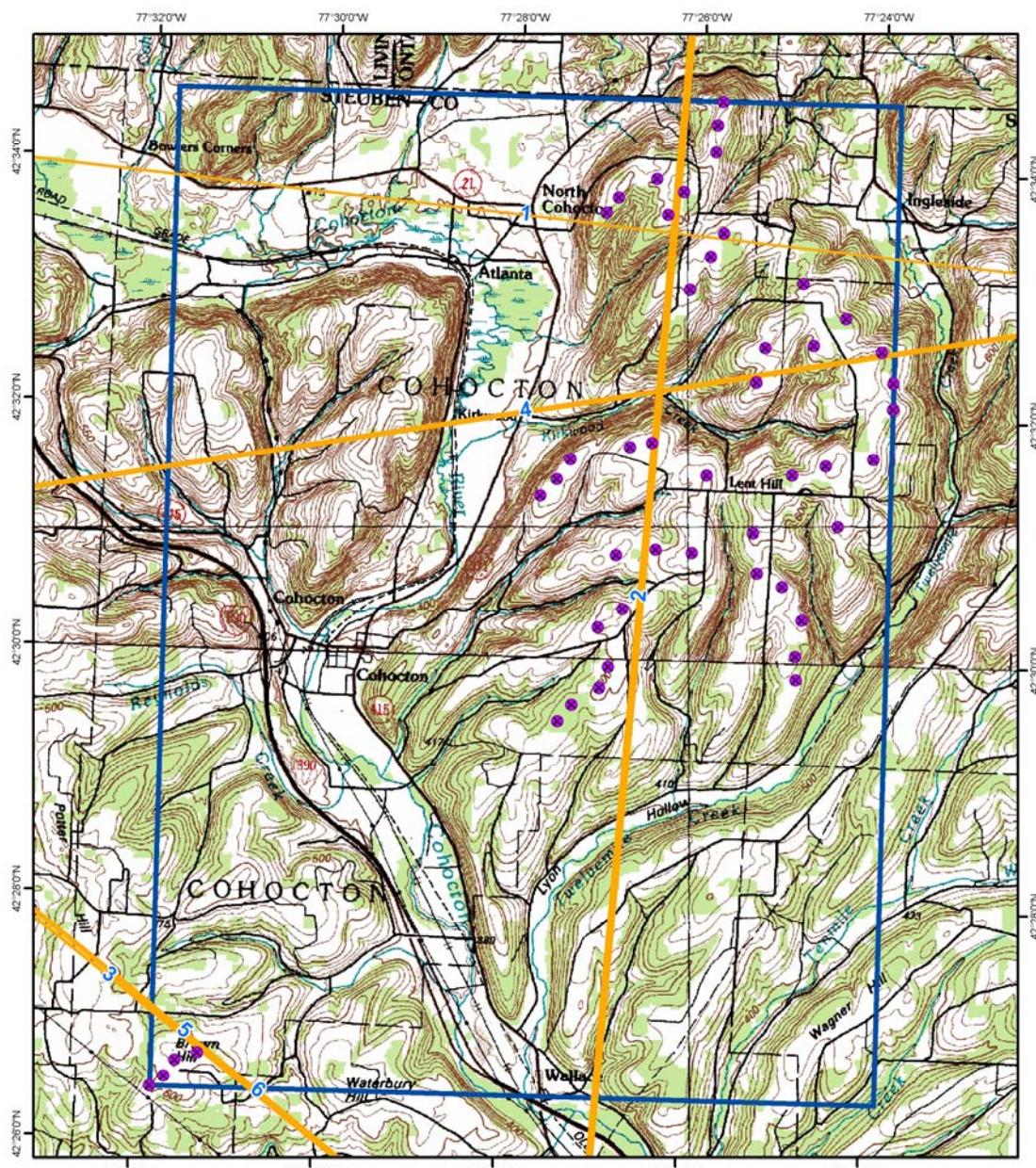
**Map Projection:** The ESRI® Shapefiles contained in the enclosed GeoPlanner CD are in NAD 83 UTM Zone 18 projected coordinate system.

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**Figure 1 – Wind Power GeoPlanner™**

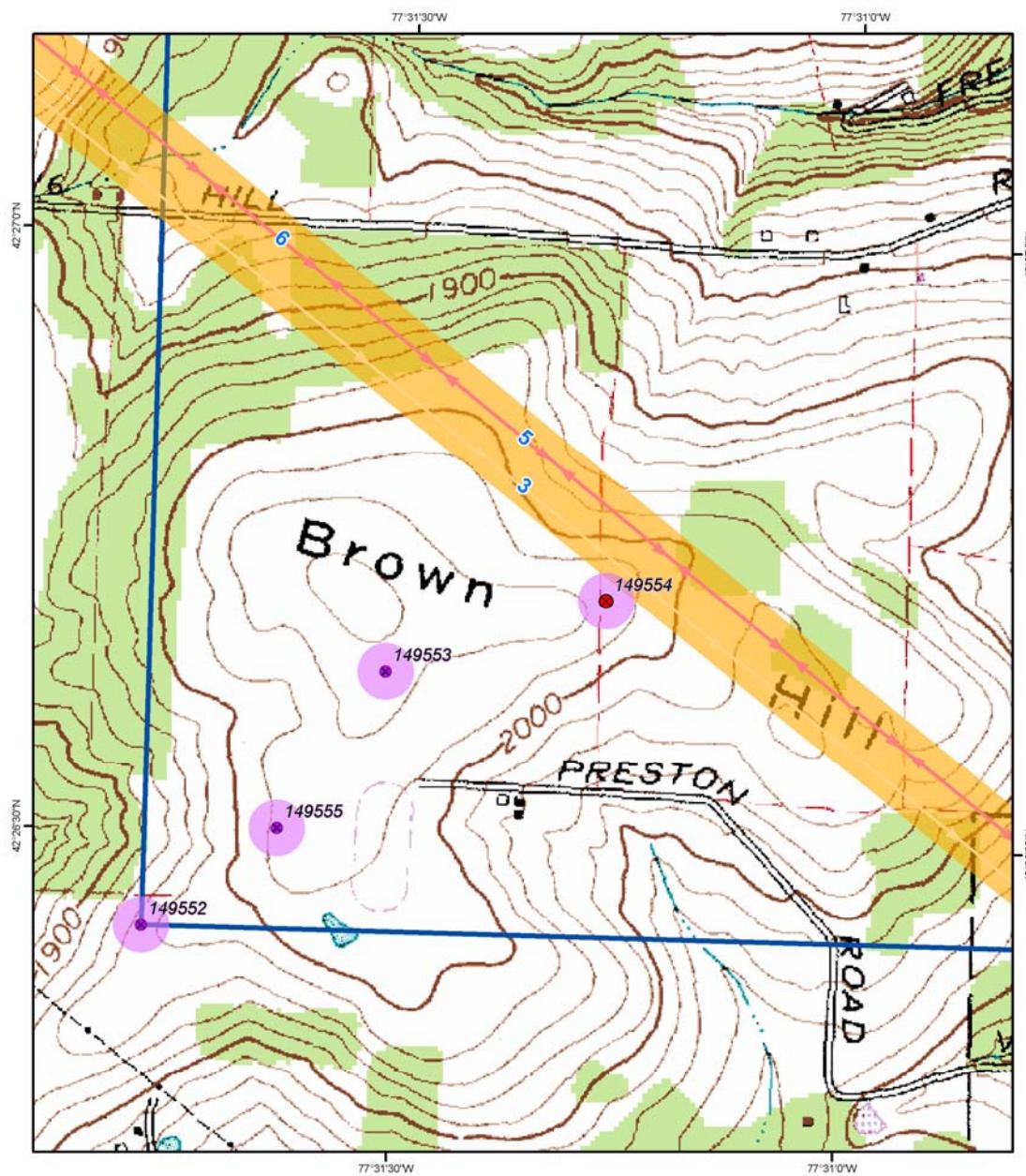


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● Turbines  
— WCFZ  
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**Figure 2 – Wind Power GeoPlanner™ & WCFZ**



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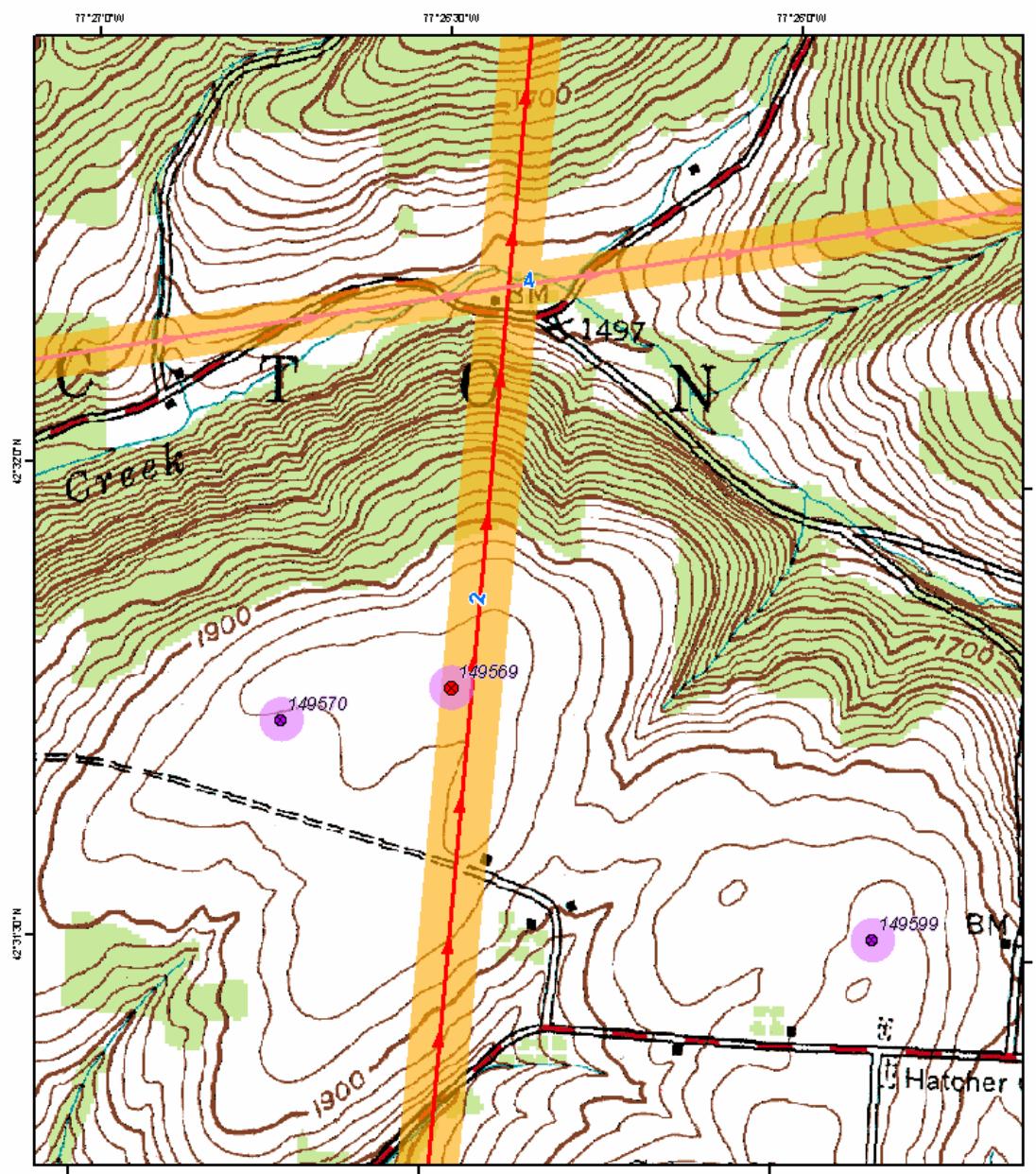
- Possible Interference Cases
- WCFZ
- Turbines
- Area of Interest
- Blades: 87m Diameter

Microwave GeoPlanner Bands	
940-960 MHz	6.1 GHz
950 MHz	6.7 GHz
1.9 GHz	7 GHz
2 GHz	10 GHz
2.1 GHz	11 GHz
2.4 GHz	13 GHz
4 GHz	18 GHz
6 GHz	23 GHz


  
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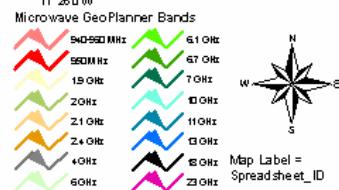
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**Figure 3 – Potential Interference Case  
 (Turbine 149554)**

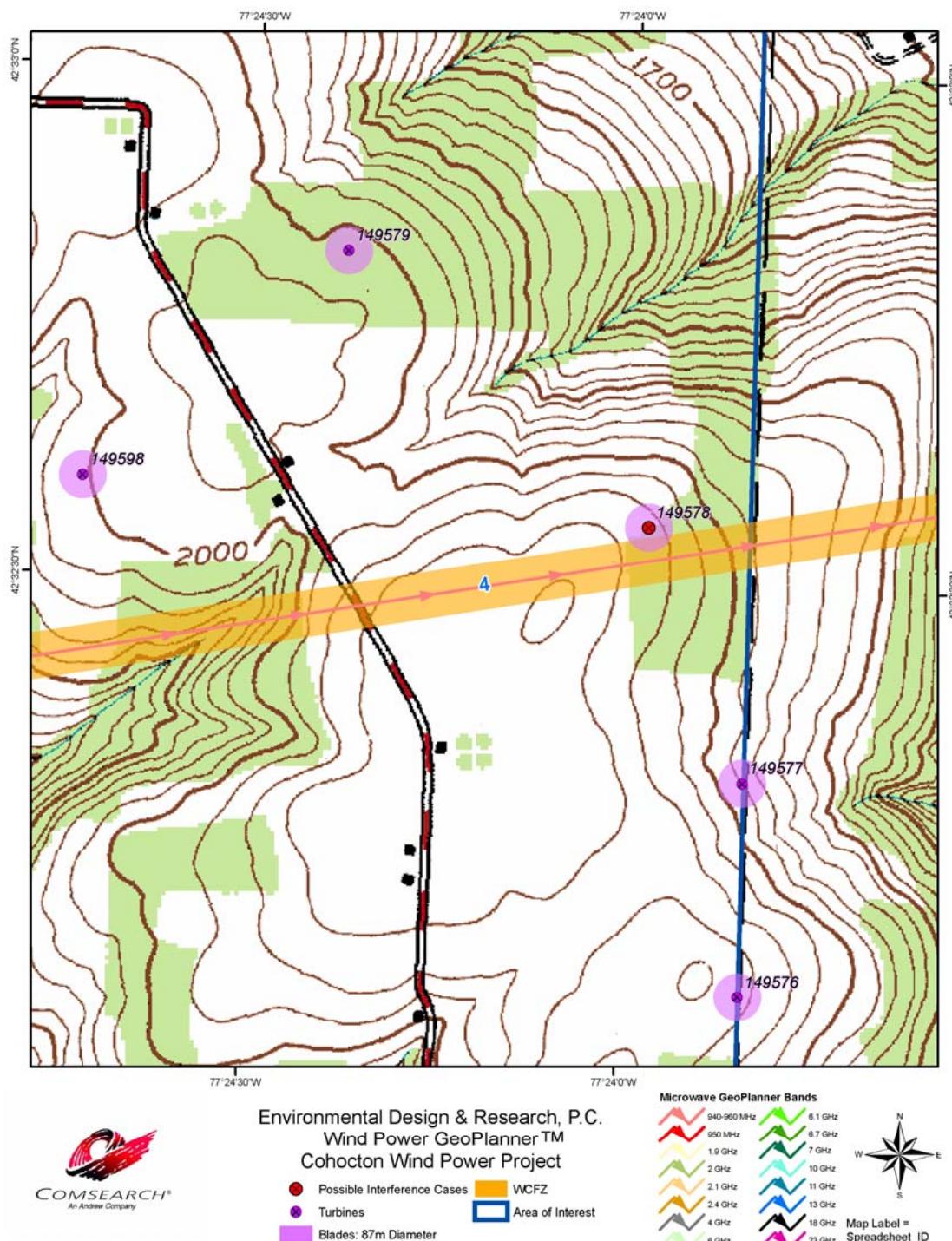


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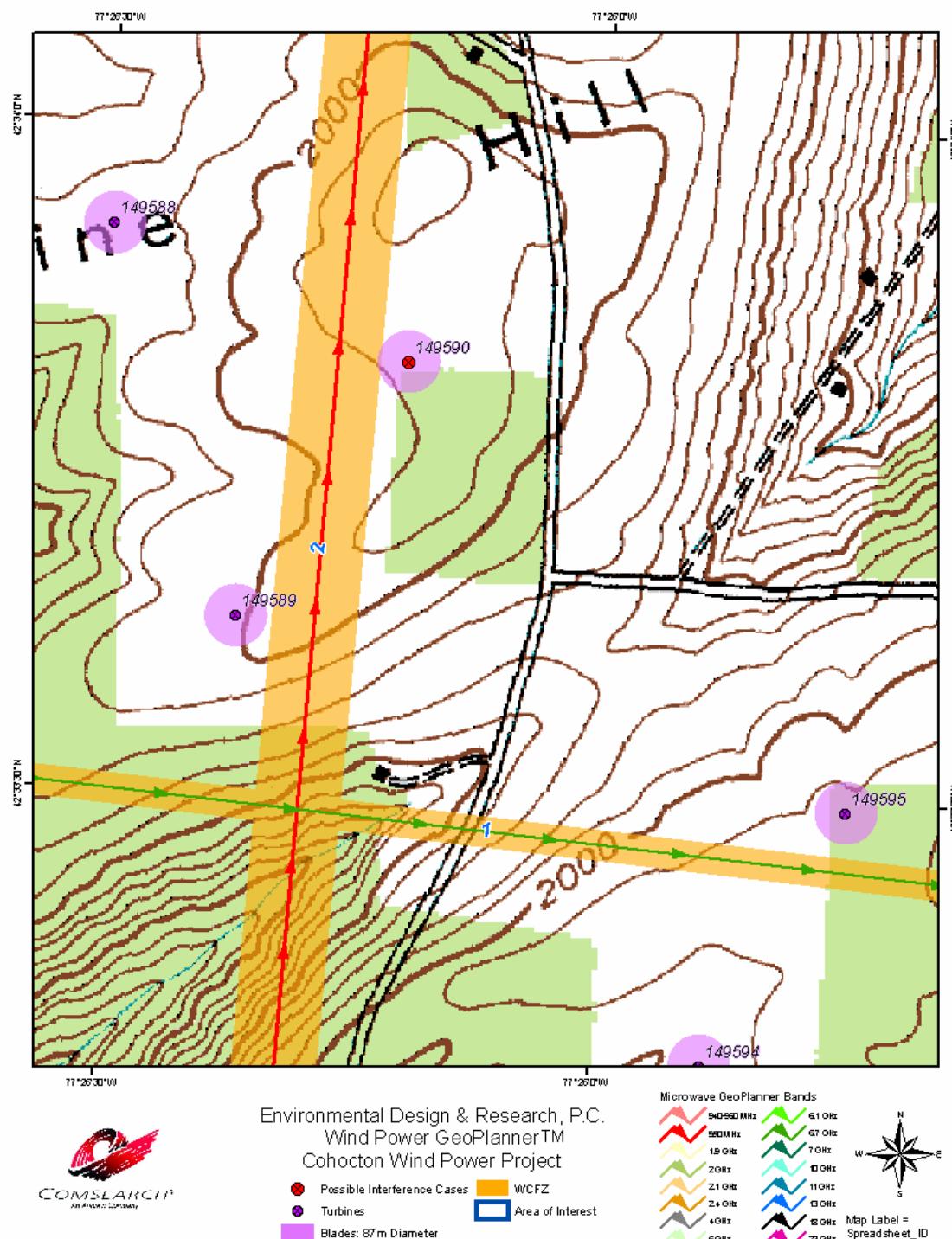
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**Figure 4 – Potential Interference Case  
 (Turbine 149569)**



**Figure 5 – Potential Interference Case  
(Turbine 149578)**



**Figure 6 – Potential Interference Case  
(Turbine 149590)**

ID	Site Name 1	Site Name 2	Call Sign 1	Call Sign 2	Band Name	Licensee	WCFZ (m)
1	BYERSVILLE	PRATTSBURG	KDY71	KDT82	Upper 6 GHz	CNG Transmission Corporation	21.70
2	BATH	RECEIVER	WMF964	RXONLY	950 MHz	FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES INC	59.67
3	SOUTH DANSVL	AVOCA	WMS263	WMS265	2.1 GHz	Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc.	27.15
4	ACOMB RD	PRATTSBURG	WNTT710	WNTZ201	940-960 MHz	Pfeiffer Corporation	42.04
5	AVOCA	DANSVILLE	WPRV808	RXONLY	940-960 MHz	THE PFEIFFER GROUP INC	38.63
6	DANSVILLE	AVOCA	WPRV809	RXONLY	940-960 MHz	THE PFEIFFER GROUP INC	38.63

**Table 1 – Microwave GeoPlanner Links Considered in Analysis**  
*(See enclosed mw\_geopl.xls for more detailed information)*

ID	Name Site 1	Name Site 2	Call Sign 1	Call Sign 2	Band Name	Licensee	WCFZ (m)
2	BATH	RECEIVER	WMF964	RXONLY	950 MHz	FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES INC	59.67
3	SOUTH DANSVL	AVOCA	WMS263	WMS265	2.1 GHz	Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc.	27.15
4	ACOMB RD	PRATTSBURG	WNTT710	WNTZ201	940-960 MHz	Pfeiffer Corporation	42.04

**Table 2 – Microwave GeoPlanner Links with Potential Conflict to Wind Turbines**

XMid	Longitude	Latitude
149554	-77.52118778230	42.44502425190
149569	-77.44122207160	42.52955675130
149578	-77.39955210690	42.54264593120
149590	-77.43665862080	42.56371736530

**Table 3 – Affected Turbines**



## **Wind Turbine/Microwave Detailed Clearance Calculations**

**Company: Environmental Design & Research, P.C.**

**Location: Cohocton Wind Power Project – Steuben County, NY**

### **Introduction**

For the proposed wind energy facility, our preliminary clearance calculations showed cases of wind turbines potentially obstructing three microwave paths. The cases specifically involve the possible obstruction of one 2.1 GHz path licensed to Dobson Cellular, one 950 MHz path licensed to Family Life Ministries, and one 940 MHz path licensed to Pfeiffer Corporation by four of the proposed wind turbines. Path data sheets are included for the stations that comprise these microwave paths. The preliminary calculations were based on worst-case (mid-path) horizontal Fresnel radius clearance. The purpose of this study is to perform more detailed calculations, taking into account both horizontal and vertical clearance, to determine if obstruction of the microwave paths could occur.

### **Discussion**

Horizontal Clearance Calculations: The cases in Tables 1 and 2 were identified as requiring further analysis because with respect to clearance in the horizontal direction, the locations of some of the wind turbines are within the worst-case (mid-path) Fresnel zone radius of the microwave paths. The actual Fresnel zone radius is calculated taking into account the position of the wind turbines along the microwave path and the elliptical shape of the Fresnel zone. Table 1 shows a summary of the results, while Table 2 shows the more detailed calculations. As shown in the tables, none of the cases clear horizontally using the actual Fresnel zone radius.

Vertical Clearance Calculations: A vertical path profile was then constructed for each microwave path involved. These profiles are shown in Figures 1 to 3. On the profile, the wind turbines affecting the path are drawn at the appropriate location along the path in correspondence with the distances shown in Table 2. Based on the turbine height of 121.5 meters above ground level that was provided, the microwave paths do not have sufficient vertical clearance over the

specific wind turbines identified (149554, 149569, 149578, and 149590) as shown in the Figures.

Case	Site 1 Name	Site 1 Call Sign	Site 2 Name	Site 2 Call Sign	Mid-Band Frequency (GHz)	Worst Case (Mid-path) Fresnel Zone Radius (m)	Potentially Obstructed by Turbine #	Actual Fresnel Zone Radius at Turbine Location (m)	Turbine Off-path Distance (m)	Turbine Blade Radius (m)	Horizontal Clearance (m)	Horizontal Clearance?	Vertical Clearance?	Overall Clearance?
1	SOUTH DANS	WMS263	AVOCA	WMS265	2.150	27.11	149554	26.90	54.64	43.50	-15.76	NO	NO	NO
2	BATH	WMP964	RECEIVER	RXONLY	0.950	59.67	149569	59.61	36.46	43.50	-66.65	NO	NO	NO
3	ACOMB RD	WNTT710	PRATTSBUR	WNTZ201	0.950	42.04	149578	27.32	60.05	43.50	-10.77	NO	NO	NO
4	BATH	WMP964	RECEIVER	RXONLY	0.950	59.67	149590	59.20	100.05	43.50	-2.65	NO	NO	NO

**Table 1: Analysis Summary**

## Conclusion

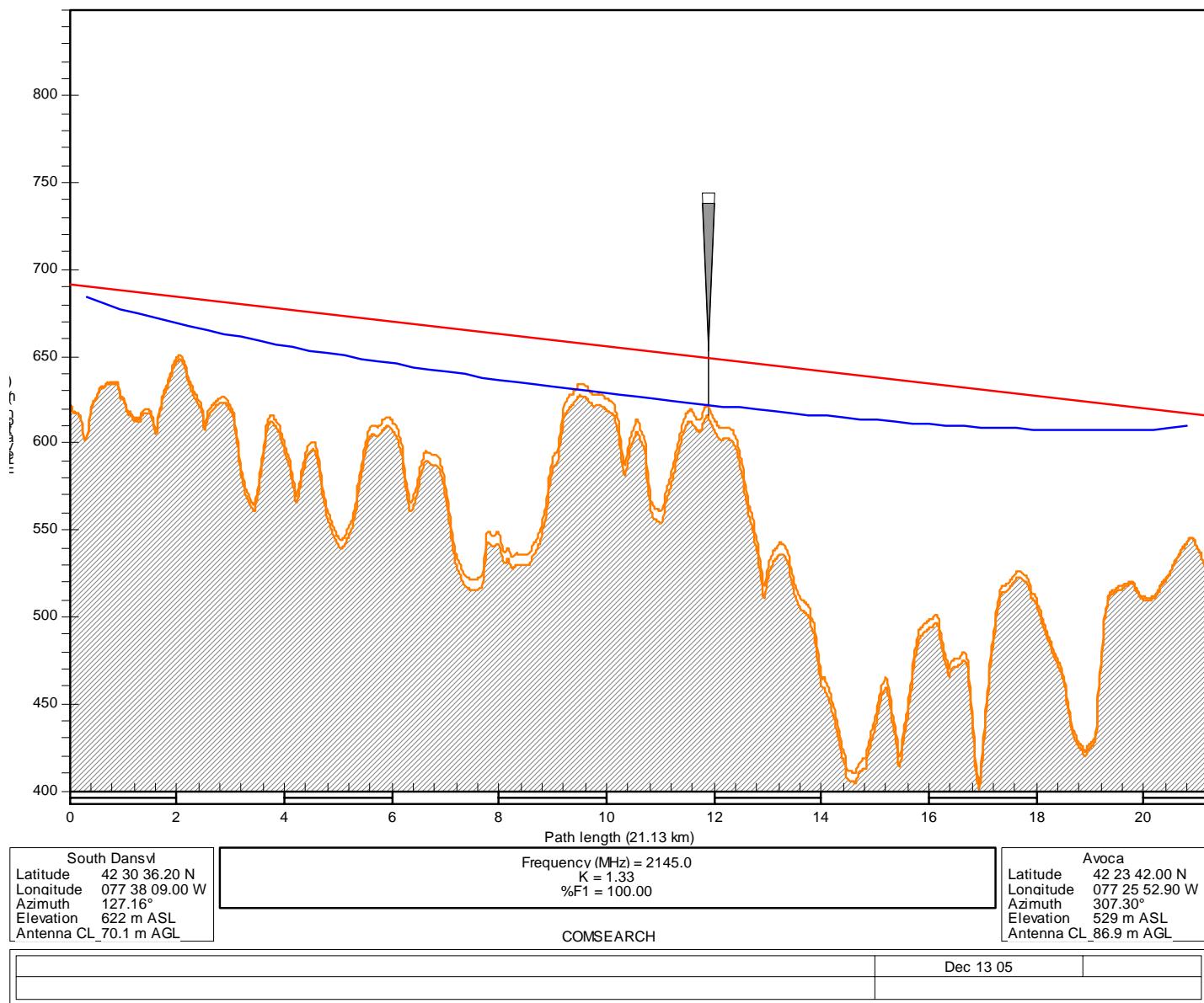
Based on the detailed horizontal and vertical path clearance calculations, cases 1 to 4 do not have sufficient vertical or horizontal clearance for the microwave paths to be clear of the potential obstruction from turbines 149554, 149569, 149578, and 149590. In order to avoid affecting the performance of the existing microwave paths, it is necessary to relocate these wind turbines to locations that meet the recommended clearance criteria.

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Case	Site 1 Name	Site 1 Call Sign	Site 2 Name	Site 2 Call Sign	Worst Case (Mid-path) Fresnel Radius (m)	Potentially Obstructed by Turbine #	Turbine Latitude (DD)	Turbine Longitude (DD)	Turbine to Site 1 (km)	Turbine to Site 2 (km)	Site 1 - Turbine Location Azimuth (Deg)	Site 2 - Turbine Off-path Distance (m)	Turbine Blade Radius (m)	Horizontal Clearance (m)	Vertical Clearance (m)	Overall Clearance?	
1	SOUTH DANSY	WMS263	AVOCA	WMS265	2,150	27.11	149554	42.4450242519	77.5211877823	11.88	9.25	26.90	127.42	306.96	54.64	43.50	-15.76 NO
2	BATH	WMF664	RECEIVER	RXONLY	0.950	59.67	149569	42.5295567513	77.4412220716	21.61	23.59	59.61	3.48	183.69	36.46	43.50	-66.65 NO
3	ACOMB RD	WNIT710	PRATTSBUR	WNIT2201	0.950	42.04	149578	42.5426459312	77.3995521069	19.75	2.69	27.32	79.36	260.99	60.05	43.50	-10.77 NO
4	BATH	WMF664	RECEIVER	RXONLY	0.950	59.67	149590	42.5637173653	77.4366386208	25.43	19.78	59.20	3.80	183.31	100.05	43.50	-2.65 NO

Table 2: Analysis Details



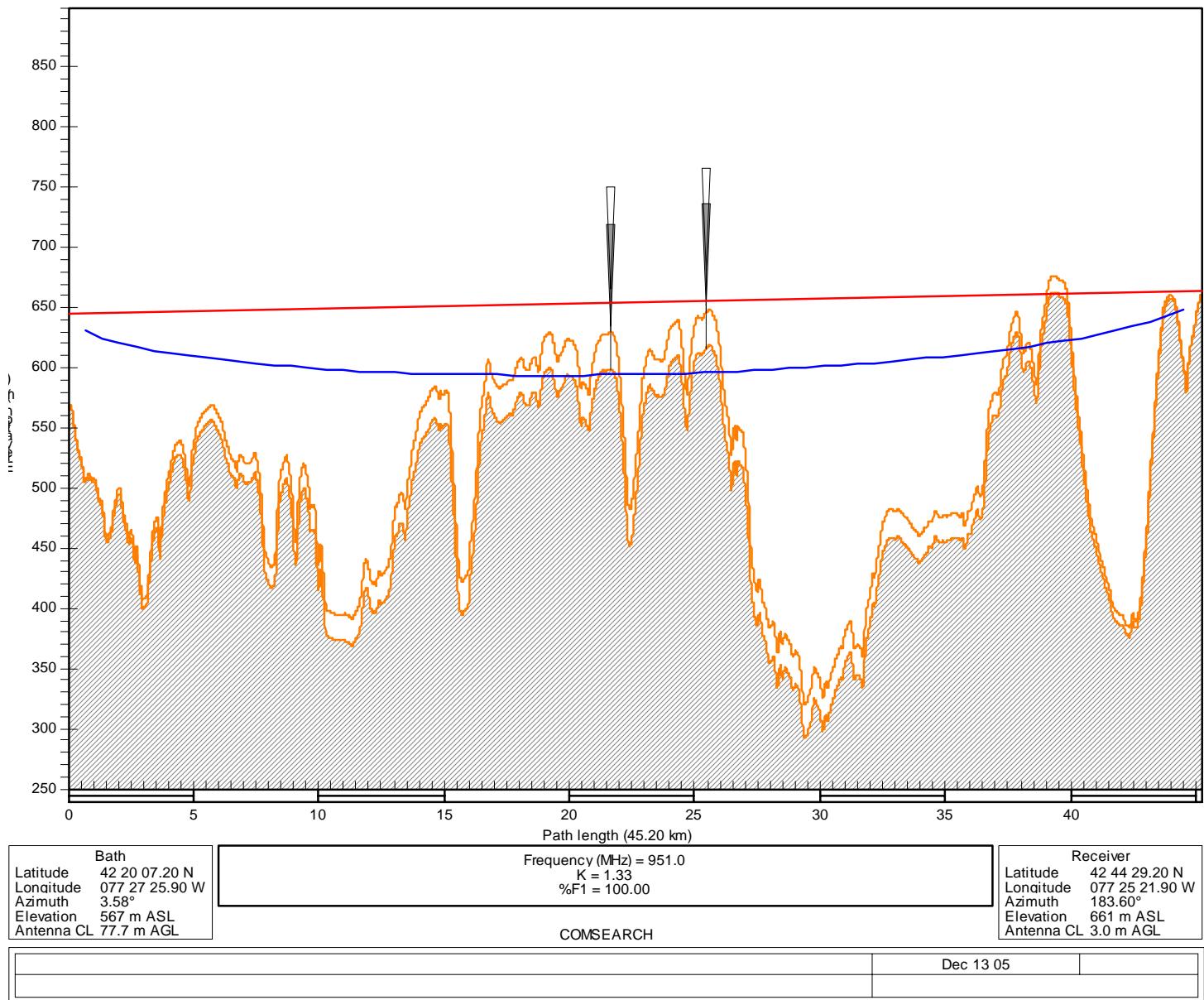
#### Clearance criteria - Main

1st Criteria - K 1.33  
1st Criteria - %F1 100.00

Dist (km) Elev (m) Struct (m) Clear (m) K (m) %F1 (m) FH (m) Crit

11.88	615.7	122	-121.5	6.5	26.9	1	Turbine 149554
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**Figure 1: South Dansvl (WMS263) to Avoca (WMS265) Path Profile and Clearance calculations – Case 1 with turbine 149554 is shown at the 11.9 km point on the Figure.**



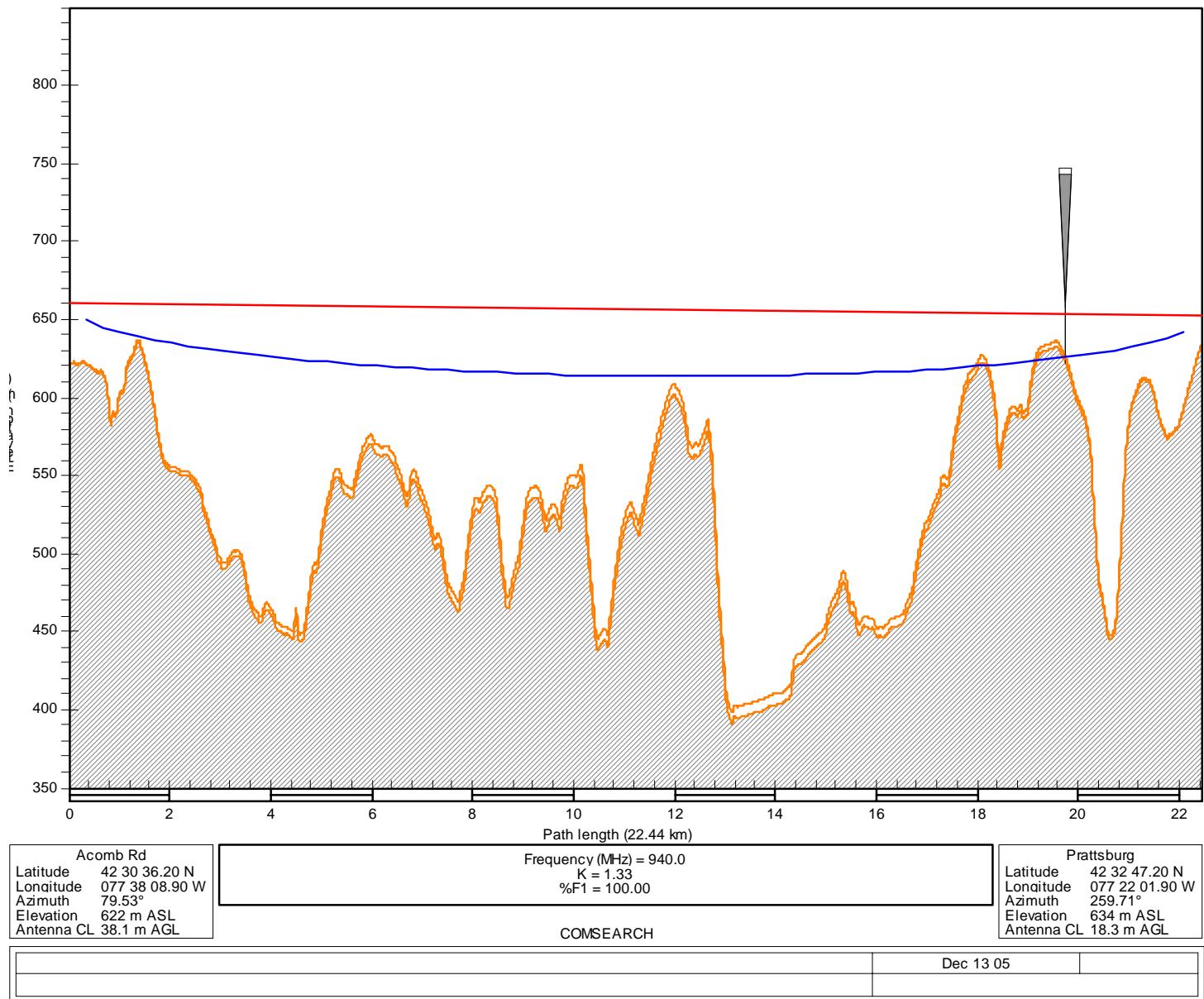
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Dist (km)	Elev (m)	Struct (m)	Clear (m)	K (m)	%F1 (m)	FH (m)	Crit
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21.61	599.0	122	-156.3	30.0	59.6	1	Turbine 149569
25.43	615.7	122	-170.5	29.6	59.2	1	Turbine 149590

**Figure 2:** Bath (WMF964) to Receiver Path Profile and Clearance calculations – Cases 2 and 4 with turbines 149569 and 149590 are shown at the 21.6 and 25.4 km points on the Figure.



#### Clearance criteria - Main

1st Criteria - K 1.33  
1st Criteria - %F1 100.00

Dist (km) Elev (m) Struct (m) Clear (m) K (m) %F1 (m) FH (m) Crit

19.75 622.6 122 -121.4 3.1 27.4 1 Turbine 149578

**Figure 3: Acomb Rd (WNTT710) to Prattsburg (WNTZ201) Path Profile and Clearance calculations – Case 3 with turbine 149578 is shown at the 19.75 km point on the Figure.**

Date: 12/13/2005

RCN Number / Job Number: 94081826

<b>Administrative Information</b>		<b>SOUTH DANSVL NY</b>	<b>AVOCA NY</b>
Status / License Basis		License / SECONDARY OPERATION	License / SECONDARY OPERATION
Call Sign		WMS263	WMS265
Licensee Code		DOBCMI	DOBCMI
Licensee Name		Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc.	Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc.
Radio Service / Station Class		CF -- Point-to-Point Microwave, Common Carrier	FXO -- Fixed
File Number / Application Date	0000875727	05/03/2002	0000421618 04/21/1980
Effective / Expiration Date	01/29/1997	02/01/2011	01/29/1997 02/01/2011
<b>Site Information</b>			
Latitude (NAD 83)	42 ° 30' 36.2" N		42 ° 23' 42.0" N
Longitude (NAD 83)	77 ° 38' 9.0" W		77 ° 25' 52.9" W
Ground Elevation (m/ft-AMSL)	621.79 / 2040.0		529.00 / 1735.5
Antenna Structure Registration #			1007542
Path Azimuth (°)	127.159		307.297
Path Length (km / miles)		21.125 / 13.127	
<b>Transmit Antenna</b>		A21950	A21950
Manufacturer		ANDREW CORPORATION	ANDREW CORPORATION
Model		GP6F-21A	GP6F-21A
Gain (dBi) / Beamwidth (°) / Tilt (°)	29.8 / 5.40 / -0.28		29.8 / 5.40 / 0.13
Centerline (m / ft - AGL)	70.10 / 230.0		86.87 / 285.0
<b>Receive Antenna</b>		Same As Transmit	
Manufacturer			
Model			
Gain (dBi) / Beamwidth (°)			
Centerline (m / ft - AGL)			
<b>Diversity Receive Antenna</b>			
Manufacturer			
Model			
Gain (dBi) / Beamwidth (°)			
Centerline (m / ft - AGL)			
<b>Radio Information</b>		300110	300110
Manufacturer		TELESCIENCES TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS INC	TELESCIENCES TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS INC
Model		IVO-2G-8DS1	IVO-2G-8DS1
Model Description			
Emission Designator / Modulation	3M50D7W	32 QAM	3M50D7W
Loading	192 CH	DIG 12624.0	192 CH
Stability (%)	0.001		0.001
	Nominal	Coordinated	Maximum
Power (dBm)	24.0		24.0
Received Level (dBm)	-54.0		-54.0
EIRP (dBm)	47.8		47.8
Fixed Loss: Tx / Common (dB)	0.0 / 6.0		0.0 / 6.0
Free Space Loss (dB)		125.6	
<b>Transmit Frequencies (MHz)</b>		2162.0000H	2112.0000H

RCN Number / Job Number:

<b>Administrative Information</b>		<b>BATH NY</b>	<b>RECEIVER NY</b>
Status / License Basis		License / PRIMARY OPERATION	License / PRIMARY OPERATION
Call Sign	WMF964	FAMLIF	FAMLIF
Licensee Code	FAMLIF	FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES INC	FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES INC
Licensee Name			
Radio Service / Station Class	AI -- Aural Intercity Relay		FXO -- Fixed
File Number / Application Date			
Effective / Expiration Date	04/20/1993	06/01/2006	
<b>Site Information</b>			
Latitude (NAD 83)	42 ° 20' 7.2" N	42 ° 44' 29.2" N	
Longitude (NAD 83)	77 ° 27' 25.9" W	77 ° 25' 21.9" W	
Ground Elevation (m/ft-AMSL)	566.90 / 1859.9	660.80 / 2168.0	
Antenna Structure Registration #			
Path Azimuth (°)	3.578	183.601	
Path Length (km / miles)		45.200 / 28.086	
<b>Transmit Antenna</b>		S01000	
Manufacturer		SCALA ELECTRONICS	
Model	PR-450U (V)		
Gain (dBi) / Beamwidth (°)	18.1 / 12.00		
Centerline (m / ft - AGL)	77.70 / 254.9		
<b>Receive Antenna</b>		S01000	
Manufacturer		SCALA ELECTRONICS	
Model	PR-450U (V)		
Gain (dBi) / Beamwidth (°)	18.1 / 12.00		
Centerline (m / ft - AGL)		3.05 / 10.0	
<b>Diversity Receive Antenna</b>			
Manufacturer			
Model			
Gain (dBi) / Beamwidth (°)			
Centerline (m / ft - AGL)			
<b>Radio Information</b>		AB0063	999999
Manufacturer		AB EQUIPMENT	RECEIVE
Model	UNKNOWN		ONLY
Model Description			
Emission Designator / Modulation	500KF9W	FM	
Loading	1 CH MSG 0.0		1 CH MSG
Stability (%)	0.005		0.005
	Nominal	Coordinated	Maximum
Power (dBm)		30.0	Nominal
Received Level (dBm)			Coordinated
EIRP (dBm)	48.1		Maximum
			-58.9
Fixed Loss: Tx / Common (dB)	0.0 / 0.0		0.0 / 0.0
Free Space Loss (dB)		125.1	
<b>Transmit Frequencies (MHz)</b>		951.5000V(10)	

<b>Administrative Information</b>	<b>ACOMB RD NY</b>	<b>PRATTSBURG NY</b>
Status / License Basis	License / PRIMARY OPERATION	License / PRIMARY OPERATION
Call Sign	WNTT710	WNTZ201
Licensee Code	SPFEEL	SPFEEL
Licensee Name	Pfeiffer Corporation	Pfeiffer Corporation
Radio Service / Station Class	MG -- Microwave Industrial/Business Pool	FXO -- Fixed
File Number / Application Date	0000156426	0000208422
Effective / Expiration Date	06/07/2000	08/26/2000
	06/02/2010	08/21/2000
		09/15/2010

**Site Information**

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Longitude (NAD 83)	77 ° 38' 8.9" W	77 ° 22' 1.9" W
Ground Elevation (m/ft-AMSL)	621.80 / 2040.0	633.98 / 2080.0
Antenna Structure Registration #		
Path Azimuth (°)	79.531	259.712
Path Length (km / miles)		22.437 / 13.942

**Transmit Antenna**

Manufacturer	S01111	S01111
Model	SCALA ELECTRONICS	SCALA ELECTRONICS
PR-450CU (H)	PR-450CU (H)	PR-450CU (H)
Gain (dBi) / Beamwidth (°)	18.0 / 24.00	18.0 / 24.00
Tilt (°)	-0.10	-0.06
Centerline (m / ft - AGL)	38.10 / 125.0	18.29 / 60.0

**Receive Antenna**

	Same As Transmit
Manufacturer	
Model	
Gain (dBi) / Beamwidth (°)	
Centerline (m / ft - AGL)	

**Diversity Receive Antenna**

Manufacturer	
Model	
Gain (dBi) / Beamwidth (°)	
Centerline (m / ft - AGL)	

**Radio Information**

	TEMP42	TEMP42
Manufacturer	MICROWAVE DATA SYSTEMS, INC	MICROWAVE DATA SYSTEMS, INC
Model	E5M5LL1460	E5M5LL1460
Model Description	MDS-960A-12 (Analog)	MDS-960A-12 (Analog)
Emission Designator / Modulation	200KF9W FM	200KF9W FM
Loading	12 CH DIG 384.0	12 CH DIG 384.0
Stability (%)	0.00015	0.00015
	Nominal Coordinated Maximum	Nominal Coordinated Maximum
Power (dBm)	37.0	37.0
Received Level (dBm)	-53.9	-53.9
EIRP (dBm)	51.0	51.0
Fixed Loss: Tx / Common (dB)	0.0 / 4.0	0.0 / 4.0
Free Space Loss (dB)		118.9

**Transmit Frequencies (MHz)** 942.7750H(4) 933.7750H(4)