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5 Docket No. 512

6 Homeland Towers, LLC, and New Cingular Wireless
7 PCS, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Application for a Certificate of
8 Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the
9 Construction, Maintenance, and Operation of a
10 Telecommunications Facility Located at 60 Vail Road,
11 Brookfield, Connecticut.
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13 Zoom Remote Public Hearing (Teleconference),
14 on Thursday, November 3, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
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1 THE HEARING OFFICER: Good evening, ladies and
2 gentlemen. Can everyone hear me okay?

3 Great. Thank you.

4 This remote public hearing is called to order
5 this Thursday November 3, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. My
6 name is John Morissette, Member and Presiding
7 Officer of the Connecticut Siting Council.

8 Other members of the Council are Quat Nguyen,
9 designee for Commissioner Marissa Paslick Gillett
10 of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority;
11 Brian Golembiewski, designee for Commissioner
12 Katie Dykes of the Department of Energy and
13 Environmental Protection; and Robert Silvestri;
14 Louanne Cooley; and Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

15 Members of the staff are Melanie Bachman,
16 Executive Director and Staff Attorney; Michael
17 Perrone, Siting Analyst; and Lisa Fontaine, Fiscal
18 Administrative Officer.

19 If you haven't done so already, I ask that
20 everyone please mute their computer audio and/or
21 telephones now.

22 This is a continuation of a remote public
23 hearing that began at 2 p.m., this afternoon. A
24 copy of the prepared agenda is available on the
25 Council's Docket Number 512 webpage, along with a

1 record of this matter, the public hearing notice,
2 instructions for public access to this remote
3 public hearing, and the Council's citizens guide
4 to Citing Council procedures.

5 This hearing is held pursuant to the
6 provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut General
7 Statutes and of the Uniform Administrative
8 Procedure Act upon an application from Homeland
9 Towers, LLC, and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC,
10 doing business as AT&T for a certificate of
11 environmental compatibility and public need for
12 the construction, maintenance and operation of a
13 telecommunications facility located at 60 Vail
14 Road in Brookfield, Connecticut.

15 This application was received by the Council
16 on August 10, 2022. This application is also
17 governed by the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
18 which is administered by the Federal
19 Communications Commission. The act prohibits this
20 Council from considering the health effects of
21 radiofrequency emissions on human health and
22 wildlife to the extent the emissions from the
23 towers are within federal acceptable safe limits
24 standards, which standard is also followed by the
25 State Department of Health.

1 The federal act also prohibits this Council
2 from discriminating between and amongst providers
3 of functionally equivalent services. This means
4 that if one carrier already provides services for
5 an area, other carriers have the right to compete
6 and provide service in the same area.

7 The Council's legal notice of the date and
8 time of this remote public hearing was published
9 in the Danbury News Times on September 17, 2022.

10 Upon the Council's request, the Applicants
11 erected a sign in the vicinity of the proposed
12 site so as to inform the public of the name of the
13 applicants, the type of facility, the remote
14 public hearing date and contact information for
15 the council, including the website and phone
16 number.

17 This remote public comment session is
18 reserved for the public to make brief statements
19 into the record. The public statements are not
20 subject to questions from the parties or the
21 Council, and members of the public making
22 statements may not ask questions of the parties or
23 the Council.

24 In fairness to everyone that has signed up to
25 speak, these statements will be limited to three

1 minutes and three minutes only, and will become
2 part of the record for the Council's
3 consideration. Please be advised that written
4 comments may be submitted by any person within 30
5 days of this public hearing.

6 As a reminder to all, off-the-record
7 communications with members of the Council or
8 members of the Council's staff upon the merits of
9 this application is prohibited by law.

10 I wish to note that parties and interveners
11 including their representatives, witnesses and
12 members are not allowed to participate in the
13 public comment session.

14 I also wish to note for those who are
15 listening and for the benefit of your friends and
16 neighbors who are unable to join us for the remote
17 public comment session, that you or they may send
18 written statements to the Council within 30 days
19 of the date hereof by mail or by e-mail, and such
20 written statements will be given the same weight
21 as if spoken at the remote public comment session.

22 Please be advised that any person may be
23 removed from the Zoom remote public comment
24 session at the discretion of the Council.

25 We ask that each person making public

1 statements in this proceeding to confine his or
2 her statements to the subject matter before the
3 Council, and to avoid unreasonable repetition so
4 that we may hear all of the concerns you and your
5 neighbors may have.

6 Please be advised that the Council cannot
7 answer questions from the public about the
8 proposal.

9 A verbatim transcript of this remote public
10 hearing will be posted on the Council's Docket
11 Number 512 webpage, and deposited at the
12 Brookfield Town Clerk's office for the convenience
13 of the public.

14 Please be advised that the Council's project
15 evaluation criteria under the statute does not
16 include consideration for property value.

17 Before I call on members of the public to
18 make statements, I request the Applicants to make
19 a very brief presentation to the public describing
20 the proposed facility, and I believe Mr. Burns
21 will be making that presentation.

22 Mr. Burns?

23 **THE WITNESS (Burns):** Thank you, Mr. Morissette. For
24 the record, my name is Robert Burns. I'm a
25 licensed civil engineer in the State of

1 Connecticut and I work for All-Points Technology
2 Corporation. I'm here tonight to present a
3 proposed telecommunication facility located at 60
4 Vail Road in Brookfield, Connecticut.

5 The property in question is a 3.99-acre
6 parcel located on the west side of Vail Road. The
7 proposed facility will -- is to be located in the
8 northeast corner of the parcel adjacent to
9 existing railroad tracks.

10 Vehicular access to the facility is from the
11 existing paved driveway and parking area for the
12 existing business, and then along an existing
13 dirt, slash, gravel access driveway.

14 The compound is to be a 45-foot by 70-foot
15 gravel surface compound surrounded by an
16 eight-foot high chain-link fence, with a
17 twelve-foot wide access gate on the southwestern
18 side of the compound.

19 The proposed compound has been sized for four
20 carriers, AT&T who will be the first anchor
21 tenant, and three future carriers and -- and an
22 additional area for municipal ground equipment, if
23 they require.

24 Outside of the fence on the southwestern side
25 of the compound is a proposed utility area, which

1 will include a utility backboard which will house
2 the proposed electric meters, an electric
3 transformer, and a small -- small telephone
4 cabinet. This area will be surrounded by steel
5 bollards for protection.

6 The proposed electric and telco service that
7 will feed the site will be installed overhead
8 beginning at an existing -- beginning at a
9 proposed utility pole on the east side of Vail
10 Road and run overhead to a new utility pole
11 adjacent to the proposed compound, and then it
12 will feed the facility underground from there.

13 Inside the fence -- and maybe we want to go
14 to CP-1? Perfect.

15 Inside the fence in the northwest corner of
16 the compound is AT&T's ground equipment, which
17 will include an eight-foot by eight-foot walk-in
18 cabinet and a seven-foot by nine-foot concrete pad
19 with a 15 kW -- 15 kW diesel-fired generator.

20 In the center of the compound is a 160-foot
21 tall monopole with a municipal whip antenna at the
22 top.

23 The Town will install two whip antennas on
24 this -- that's their proposal. One will be at the
25 top, the 20-foot long whips and the other one will

1 be down at approximately the 90-foot mark.

2 AT&T is planning to install 12 panel
3 antennas, 12 remote radio heads and 2 surge
4 arresters, and the center line of those antennas
5 will be at 161. The tower will be designed for
6 three additional future carriers at ten-foot
7 intervals below AT&T. So 151, 141, and 131.

8 And that concludes the presentation of this
9 project, proposed project. Thank you.

10 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Mr. Burns.

11 Just a quick note on remote public hearings.
12 Remote public hearings are quite different from
13 the in-person public hearings. For in-person
14 public hearings, members of the public just sign
15 in and step up to the podium and offer their
16 comments.

17 For remote public hearings the public is
18 required to sign up to speak in advance in order
19 to provide the Council staff with the necessary
20 time to facilitate connection precautions to
21 prevent interruptions -- or in common terms,
22 bombing of the proceedings.

23 There are protocols, procedures and
24 consistency measures that are followed as part of
25 the remote public hearing process. Written

1 comments may be submitted within 30 days of this
2 public hearing.

3 We will now call upon the First Selectwoman
4 Carr to make a public statement followed by Paska
5 Ann Nayden.

6 Tara Carr, First Selectman of the Town of
7 Brookfield, please?

8 FIRST SELECTWOMAN CARR: Yes, sir. Can you hear me?

9 THE HEARING OFFICER: Yes, I can. Thank you.

10 FIRST SELECTWOMAN CARR: Thank you. Good evening. My
11 name is Tara Carr, and I am the First Selectwoman
12 of Brookfield, Connecticut.

13 This 60 Vail Road tower proposal is one that
14 is rooted in providing a convenience, faster WiFi
15 and increased personal cellphone coverage rather
16 than necessity.

17 True, there are parts of Brookfield where
18 cellphone coverage is degraded depending on
19 service provider, but I am not in favor of a tower
20 that will ultimately host technology that produces
21 an additional overlay of various microwave
22 radiation frequencies and wavelengths of pulsed
23 modulated microwave radiation.

24 I cannot support this effort knowing there is
25 no conclusive evidence suggesting that radiation

1 technology is not harmful to human health and
2 wildlife, and therefore no evidence suggesting it
3 would not be harmful to the residents of
4 Brookfield and our environment.

5 Again, I cannot in good conscience support
6 anything that could possibly harm our people, our
7 animals, including bees, cows and horses, for
8 example. As the effects of radiation are still
9 under study I propose we wait for conclusive
10 research as to the existence of or absence of
11 harmful effects.

12 One of my primary responsibilities, which I
13 consider my duty and my obligation, is to ensure
14 the protection of life and property of our
15 community. Just last year, the Federal
16 Communications Commission, the FCC was challenged
17 by the US Court of Appeals for the District of
18 Columbia Circuit because there were no definitive
19 answers on environmental harm and dangerous
20 exposure to children. The FCC was remanded and
21 they must address the points ordered by the Court.

22 I urge that we wait until we know with 100
23 percent certainty that our residents of Brookfield
24 will be safe.

25 Regarding Brookfield's emergency

1 communications system upgrade approved at our town
2 referendum last spring, it is a fact that we need
3 a structure to house our new equipment
4 facilitating moving forward from a 1986 analog to
5 a digital system, but our new equipment is not 3.5
6 gigahertz power dependent.

7 To be very clear, we do need a structure for
8 our new communication system, however I would
9 definitely prefer our new equipment not be coupled
10 with additional cellular antennas, or any other
11 potentially harmful devices.

12 I do not support this tower because I do not
13 support C-band frequency -- also referred to as 5G
14 by the manufacturers, at any location in our town.
15 We already have high microwave emissions
16 throughout our town, which could have long-term
17 implications from towers and small wireless
18 telecommunications facilities and antennas in
19 Brookfield as it is.

20 I urge you to consider carefully the
21 overwhelming facts of substantial written evidence
22 of possible harmful effects, and that there is no
23 significant gap in service available to wireless
24 tech/telecommunications services for the residents
25 of our fine town.

1 The cell tower proposed is close to
2 residential neighborhoods and daycare facilities,
3 potentially threatening their health.

4 Ultimately we need to ask ourselves, is more
5 connectivity really worth the potential chronic
6 health problems possibly associated with powerful
7 24/7 EMF radiation?

8 Thank you for the opportunity to comment
9 tonight.

10 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Thank you, First Selectwoman
11 Carr.

12 Next up on our list is Paska Ann Nayden,
13 followed by Gwen Arment.

14 Paska?

15 **PASKA ANN NAYDEN:** Good evening. Can you hear me okay?

16 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Yes, I can. Thank you.

17 **PASKA ANN NAYDEN:** Excellent.

18 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Good evening.

19 **PASKA ANN NAYDEN:** Thank you. Thank you, esteemed
20 members of CT Siting and the industry
21 representatives, and thank you for allowing me the
22 time to express my findings.

23 My name is Paska Nayden from Easton,
24 Connecticut.

25 I e-mailed a notarized affidavit to your

1 office today, and it basically shows there's no
2 gap in wireless telecommunications services in the
3 area -- because I use the technology from the
4 industry called the Wilson Pro and Cell line --
5 Cell LinQ technology to determine cellular
6 telecommunication access for various points driven
7 by the Brookfield residents.

8 I have heard for the last two years we are
9 preempted by the FCC, and we can't talk about
10 health -- and I want to talk about health right
11 now. It appears a little case from 1999 is
12 harming us with false information,
13 misrepresentation perpetrated over the years.

14 This case, the cellular telephone company
15 versus the Town of Oyster Bay -- it's in Circuit
16 Two, January 29, 1999. AT&T argued then that the
17 permit denials violated the TCA because neither
18 was supported by substantial evidence.

19 The Town acknowledges, then, that the health
20 concerns expressed by the residents cannot
21 constitute substantial evidence as per the TCA.

22 Law -- when looking at the words "concern"
23 and looking at the words "effect," concern is an
24 uneasy state of blended interests -- so I can
25 understand that.

1 Effect, though -- something produced by an
2 agent or a cause, a result, an outcome or
3 consequence. And according to Black's Law, 6th
4 Edition, the definition of substantial, of real
5 worth, actually existing. It's real. It's not
6 seemingly or imaginary.

7 What we have provided this Siting Council
8 over the last few days and tonight is tens of
9 thousands of peer-reviewed scientific studies not
10 founded -- not funded by the wireless industry,
11 but established science concluding biological
12 effects at levels at millions of times lower than
13 the FCC RF EMR exposure guides.

14 These are not mere concerns, so please do not
15 address us as giving you concerns. We are giving
16 you hardcore evidence based on what I know and
17 personally have studied.

18 As to public safety, the State of Connecticut
19 under Governor Lamont -- who shut down the entire
20 state on March 9, 2020 -- by the way. And he used
21 his emergency powers from a virus that never had
22 substantial evidence on March 9th.

23 But rumor and fear -- what do you call that?
24 Okay.

25 We have provided substantial evidence of

1 harmful effects in compliance with the TCA law.
2 We have documented pulse modulated microwave
3 radiation pollution, and now especially 3.5
4 gigahertz in a public safety emergency.

5 If a plane needs three to five miles
6 clearance, which has been documented all the way
7 since last January --

8 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Ms. Nayden.

9 Unfortunately, your time has run out. We will now
10 proceed with Gwen Arment followed by Zoltan
11 Nanassy.

12 Gwen Arment, please?

13 Gwen Arment? There you are.

14 You're still on mute.

15 GWEN ARMENT: Yes, Hi.

16 THE HEARING OFFICER: There you go.

17 GWEN ARMENT: I had to unmute myself. Thank you very
18 much.

19 THE HEARING OFFICER: Good evening.

20 GWEN ARMENT: Good evening. Thank you.

21 I would like to address the lack of public
22 need for the construction, maintenance and
23 operation of yet another telecommunications
24 facility at 60 Vail Road in Brookfield.

25 The Applicant must, one, prove that a

1 significant gap in wireless services in Brookfield
2 exists. In fact, the Applicant must prove that a
3 specific carrier has a significant gap in personal
4 wireless services at a specific location where
5 they want to put a tower.

6 Number two, prove that their proposed
7 installation on the site, on the specific section
8 of this site and at this specific height is the
9 only feasible means to ram the gap.

10 On September 24, 2022 I -- with a group of
11 residents using a professional spectrum analyzer,
12 Wilson Pro Cell LinQ Meter -- measured all
13 existing wireless carrier frequencies in various
14 parts of Brookfield to determine wireless
15 communications service as well as radiation
16 admitted by -- emitted by Brookfield cell towers,
17 all of which registered in the extreme hazard box
18 of the chart.

19 Results of our findings have been sent to
20 Connecticut Siting for public record. 60 Vail
21 Road was one of our stops. In all locations we
22 found no significant gap in personal wireless
23 service. In fact, we found quite good signal
24 strength in wireless providers, Verizon being the
25 strongest.

1 In addition, there are already four towers in
2 Brookfield. One existing tower would be less than
3 a mile from the 60 Vail Road site. According to
4 Brookfield zoning regulations, towers must be at
5 least one mile apart. Therefore, if better
6 communication between first responders in
7 Brookfield locations is needed Verizon should be
8 the wireless provided for them, rather than the
9 installation of yet another cell tower.

10 What is currently in the vicinity of
11 Brookfield are 35 facilities; 10 communication
12 towers, 7 CL&P power mounts, 6 rooftops, and 12
13 small-cell installations located within
14 approximately 4 miles of the proposed facility.
15 Actually, there are approximately 142 antennas
16 around Brookfield, including the 60 Vail Road
17 area.

18 There's plenty of wireless service in that
19 area. Brookfield is already saturated. I have
20 wireless service all around Brookfield. Why
21 should I be radiated in order to provide service
22 for Bethel and Danbury?

23 According to the 1996 Telecommunications Act
24 and Second Circuit case law; see July 2022 ruling
25 in Flower Hill, New York, if there is no

1 significant gap in wireless communication service,
2 the Town can say no.

3 I recommend the application be denied and
4 propose a moratorium on any new wireless towers in
5 Brookfield. Thank you so much.

6 ZOLTAN NANASSY: Hello? Hello? Can you hear me?

7 THE HEARING OFFICER: Oh, I'm sorry. Yes, we're
8 continuing with Zoltan Nanassy.

9 I'm sorry. I think you're on mute.

10 Mr. Nanassy, we'll come back to you --

11 ZOLTAN NANASSY: No, I just fixed it -- but you muted
12 me, as the administrator.

13 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. You're all set now.

14 Please continue.

15 ZOLTAN NANASSY: Okay. So I'm Zoltan Nanassy,
16 (unintelligible) road, South Brookfield. I'm
17 speaking here as the Chairman of the Police
18 Commission in support of the Brookfield Police
19 getting a spot on the antenna for our
20 communication needs, because we have considerable
21 gaps in the southern part of Brookfield, and we
22 are being told by our consultant that this would
23 solve our problem.

24 Thank you.

25 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Mr. Nanassy.

1 We will now continue with Major Peter Frengs
2 on behalf of Chief Puglisi. Major Frengs?

3 MAJ. PETER FRENGS: Good evening.

4 THE HEARING OFFICER: Good evening.

5 MAJ. PETER FRENGS: How you doing? I'm Major Peter
6 Frengs, second in command of the Brookfield Police
7 Department.

8 The current town public safety radio was
9 installed in 1986, almost 40 years ago. Though it
10 was updated in 2007, as of 2020 the radio
11 infrastructure and subscriber units are no longer
12 supported. The radios we currently use are
13 outdated, so when issues arise the radios cannot
14 be repaired.

15 Instead, this requires an officer to drive
16 the units to our radio supplier in Naugatuck where
17 we need to purchase new ones. This has occurred a
18 few times over the past year. This is a
19 financial -- this has financial implications. It
20 is not sustainable.

21 More importantly, as public safety officers
22 we depend on our communication system to ensure
23 our safety and the safety of the people we are
24 sworn to protect. That is why it is critical that
25 a new radio tower be built on Vail Road.

1 For the past several years lower Federal Road
2 has experienced a dead zone in radio coverage.
3 This results in officers' transmissions failing to
4 go through to dispatch or other officers. Due to
5 the proximity of Super 7 highway and businesses
6 along this stretch of Federal Road, the police
7 department responds to a high volume of calls in
8 this area, ranging from car accidents to burglary,
9 theft, assaults.

10 I'm sure you've experienced the frustration
11 of poor cell service in front of Shop Rite and
12 Kohl's. Imagine that inability to communicate
13 while chasing a robbery suspect through the woods.
14 As you can see, this poses a severe safety risk to
15 the officers and the civilians in the area. The
16 new tower would mitigate that dead zone.

17 This tower is necessary to improve the radio
18 communication to all who use it, and then to
19 ensure the safety of the Brookfield community.

20 Thank you.

21 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Thank you, Major Frengs.

22 We'll now continue with William Sopchak.

23 Mr. Sopchak?

24 **WILLIAM SOPCHAK:** Yes, hello.

25 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Good evening.

1 WILLIAM SOPCHAK: I just want to point out the rail
2 tanker cars that are shown on the aerial map
3 contained in attachment four to the application.

4 These tanker cars in the so-called parking
5 spot I heard earlier are in very close proximity
6 to the tower site. My understanding is that these
7 tankers contain alcohol, which is of course highly
8 flammable and possibly explosive.

9 In addition to the risk of the tower falling
10 near these tanker cars, there was also the risk of
11 having the tower's electronics so close to that
12 kind of fuel source.

13 Some history -- I know there was a concern
14 over these tanker cars when a tower was proposed
15 for this site in the late 1990s. At that time,
16 the application for a tower at that location was
17 denied by the local zoning board.

18 Safety is my primary concern. The macro
19 burst that went through here in 2017 illustrates
20 the need for extra clearance for these structures.
21 At the very least, the contents of those tanker
22 cars should be identified, and consideration given
23 to their impact on the application.

24 Thank you.

25 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Mr. Sopchak.

1 We'll now continue with Andrew Ellis, Fire
2 Chief of the Brookfield Volunteer Fire Company.

3 Fire Chief Ellis?

4 CHIEF ANDREW ELLIS: Good evening. Thank you for this
5 opportunity to talk. To echo what Major Frengs so
6 eloquently said, I have the same concerns. I need
7 that tower to go up to hold our radio
8 infrastructure.

9 We have a radio system that's failing. We
10 are missing calls when we're down in the south end
11 of town. I personally was in charge of a vehicle
12 accident with multiple patients involving
13 extrication several months ago in that part of
14 town, in the south end of town and I could not get
15 through on my radio to call for additional help.

16 That is inadequate radios and inadequate
17 equipment that we're putting our first responders
18 with, and protecting our community with -- and it
19 needs to be addressed.

20 And it's been identified as -- one of the
21 most important parts of our new radio system is to
22 have that tower in that part of town to facilitate
23 communications in the buildings and in the
24 southern end of town, in that area especially
25 along the Route 7 corridor, Super 7, which we're

1 out there frequently for car accidents.

2 My concern is that if we fail to put this up,
3 our radio project will be delayed and it will have
4 to be redesigned -- and the additional costs to
5 the town.

6 And I'm on borrowed time with my radios. And
7 that's the most important thing that I have, my
8 people on the end of these radios and they're
9 serving our community. And I need to know that
10 our radios are going to work.

11 And we've worked really hard to get this
12 project through as far as the radios go through
13 the Town, and to hit this stumbling block here
14 would definitely put a hurt on the project and
15 delay it further. And I think it's very, very
16 crucial that it passes and that we can get our
17 radio equipment up there.

18 Also, we do rely on cell service on our fire
19 apparatus, and in the police cars and in the
20 ambulances that are using our mobile data
21 terminals. So any increase in service around town
22 is going to help us.

23 We have a large incident somewhere -- someone
24 mentioned the rail cars. We could have a hazmat
25 call there at Farmco, and we might need to use our

1 iPads and our other equipment that runs off of
2 cell service.

3 And we need to make sure we have adequate --
4 so that does also benefit us, not just having the
5 radio towers up, but added cell coverage around
6 town helps us operate with our MDTs, which is our
7 mobile data terminals, and our phones which we use
8 frequently.

9 We have an alerting system that's hooked up
10 to our phones as well a backup, a redundant system
11 because our radios are so poor. We to add a
12 redundant alerting system for our volunteers, so
13 our cell phones alert us to calls as do our fire
14 pagers -- that I have right here.

15 So again, we rely on the cell service and
16 we're relying on the physical structure, that
17 tower to increase our coverage in our new radio
18 system. So I'm asking that we push through this
19 project and we go on with it.

20 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Very good. Thank you, Chief
21 Ellis. Thank you for coming out this evening.

22 We'll now continue with Wayne Woodtke, Deputy
23 Chief of Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Company.

24 Mr. Woodtke?

25 **DC WAYNE WOODTKE:** Hi. Good evening. Thank you for

1 having me and giving me the opportunity to speak
2 on this. My name is Wayne Woodtke. I'm the
3 Deputy Chief of EMS for Brookfield Volunteer Fire
4 Company. I am charged with managing the ambulance
5 service for our residents of the town.

6 I am speaking in support of this tower going
7 up, because albeit the graphs and data that we see
8 online for coverages -- I can tell you from
9 clinical experience that that is not a reliable
10 system that we have.

11 And when we're out in that area, certainly
12 needing to transmit cardiac EKGs to the hospital
13 when somebody has a life threatening cardiac
14 rhythm, I need reliability and connectivity. And
15 no delays to be able to transport -- transmit that
16 information to the hospital so that our
17 cardiologists can be standing at the ready.

18 And in terms of traumatic injuries, I need to
19 make sure I have early notification so that I get
20 all of the key players in place in a prompt amount
21 of time. And if I have a ten-minute transmit --
22 transport time with a patient and I'm delayed by
23 five minutes or so, transmitting that data,
24 whether it be by telephone or cellular modem
25 through my cardiac monitor, patients suffer. And

1 there's really no other way of saying that.

2 I have seen it be delayed on a few different
3 cases, actually multiple cases especially in this
4 geographic area of town.

5 And it also provides improved cellular
6 service. It would also improve our secure access
7 in reaching our medical providers receiving the
8 residents that we're transporting to Danbury
9 Hospital and other facilities; and not speaking
10 over the radio and actually having them securely
11 and privately speaking to the receiving physicians
12 at Danbury Hospital and other hospitals that we
13 may have to transmit to.

14 So again, when it comes down to this tower,
15 I'm in full support of that and I believe it's
16 going to help improve medical care that our
17 residents certainly need.

18 **MS. BACHMAN:** Thank you, Deputy Chief Woodtke.

19 Unfortunately, Presiding Officer Morissette had
20 some technical difficulties. He's about to
21 reenter the meeting, but our next speaker is
22 Ms. Joan Polzin.

23 **JOAN POLZIN:** Can you hear me? Okay.

24 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Okay.

25 I'm sorry, everyone, I'm back.

1 Did Mr. Woodtke have an opportunity to
2 complete his public comment?

3 MS. BACHMAN: Yes, Mr. Morissette. We completed his
4 statement, and we have moved on to Ms. Polzin.

5 THE HEARING OFFICER: Very good. Thank you,
6 Attorney Bachman.

7 Ms. Polzin, please continue?

8 JOAN POLZIN: I would like to tell you briefly what
9 brings me here tonight. In 2010 my 38-year-old
10 daughter was diagnosed with a rare and terminal
11 brain cancer called glioblastoma multiforme. She
12 died a year and a half later at the age of 40.

13 Her largest brain tumor was behind her ear
14 where she held her cellphone. She wondered why
15 this was happening to her, and even asked us if we
16 thought it could be the cellphone.

17 We said, no, they wouldn't sell them if they
18 could cause brain cancer. How naive we were?

19 Allison lived in California with her husband.
20 For 10 years she was in the computer industry,
21 worked for yahoo and Microsoft, and she was
22 leading a very good life. When she got sick she
23 was already in Manhattan with her husband.

24 And many years went by.

25 In 2017 I became aware of a study on

1 cellphone radiation and its possible harmful
2 effects, which was done by the National Toxicology
3 Program in Washington, paid for by our own taxes
4 and government.

5 And it spanned many years and it cost \$25
6 million dollars, and it was peer reviewed by many
7 experts. It found evidence of brain, those type
8 of brain tumors. They're kind of rare -- they're
9 rare brain tumors, the gliomas. Evidence of heart
10 tumors, adrenal gland tumors and more.

11 I thought I might have an answer from my
12 daughter's question, why this was happening to
13 her.

14 So I learned a lot about electromagnetism.
15 After that I did a lot of studying, reading
16 studies and learning -- reading books and learning
17 all about it. I found out there was a huge body
18 of research showing substantial harm to humans,
19 animals, insects and in fact all life caused by
20 electromagnetic radiation at the non-ionizing
21 levels being emitted by our cellphones, WiFi, and
22 all wireless devices -- and of course, cell
23 towers.

24 Since we are talking tonight about a cell
25 tower, I'd like to refer the Siting Council to a

1 website called Physicians for Safe Technology, and
2 to an article entitled, Cell Tower Health effects.

3 This article reports the results of studies
4 done on people who live near cell towers. There
5 are over 70 studies listed at the end of the
6 article. I have sent a separate e-mail with a
7 link to this website to you. These studies show
8 substantial evidence of harmful effects.

9 Those of us who know how harmful the
10 radiation is do not want another cell tower in
11 Brookfield, nor do we want small cells in front of
12 our homes.

13 The science is vast and clear, decades of
14 peer reviewed research. There are many biological
15 effects, not just cancer, many different effects
16 depending on proximity, duration --

17 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Thank you, Mrs. Polzin, but your
18 time has expired -- but thank you for coming out
19 this evening.

20 We'll I'll continue with Nadezhda Anikeev.

21 Ms. Anikeev?

22 **NADEZHDA ANIKEEV:** Yeah, can you hear me?

23 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Yes, thank you.

24 **NADEZHDA ANIKEEV:** I apologize. Yes, Nadezhda Anikeev
25 and I am a Brookfield resident as well concerned

1 about the tower.

2 And I do understand the needs of emergency
3 services, but we can't do it at the expense of
4 other people. And it has been mentioned many,
5 many times, there are great effects of the
6 radiation if these towers are built.

7 And as this afternoon Mr. Nguyen pointed out
8 the question if 5G can be put down there and --
9 but we all know -- but it was officially a, yes,
10 it can be, and it probably will be. So there
11 would be even more radiation added.

12 And who? Who is governing the safety? Who
13 is checking the safety. We can't, as I said
14 before, do, you know, help other people with these
15 emergency services right by harming others in
16 order to provide it.

17 And I think I'm going to just take the rest
18 of my time reading the side effects of the
19 radiation, which a lot of them are -- actually
20 match COVID symptoms. I have pointed this out
21 before -- which might mean that you would get
22 increased emergency calls. Just some of them
23 emergency, some of them would be not.

24 You know, COVID symptoms and other stuff. So
25 I'm just going to start reading you. You just

1 stop me when my time is up.

2 So the symptoms due to radiation might be
3 insomnia, night sweats, various sleep
4 disturbances, headaches, dizziness, nausea,
5 difficulty concentrating, depression, anxiety,
6 memory loss, fatigue, tremors, muscle spasm,
7 muscle and joint pain -- like in foot pain, food
8 pains, digestive problems, abdominal pain,
9 enlarged thyroid, dehydration, immune
10 abnormalities, altered sugar metabolism, hair
11 loss, pressure in and behind the eyes.

12 And I'll submit a written testimony later. I
13 hope to include a YouTube video where it's
14 explained how, because we're electric beings and
15 because we have water in our systems, how the
16 radiation affects us, the whole process.

17 So cataracts, heart palpitations, arrhythmia,
18 chest pain, blood pressure -- low and high blood
19 pressure, deterioration of vision, sinusitis,
20 bronchitis, asthma, pneumonia.

21 And then I'm going to just read at random
22 from another list online. It was declassified in
23 1972. Different, like, chest pains, increased
24 irritability, anxiety -- which a lot of people
25 have a lot of it. So --

1 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Ms. Anikeev.

2 That concludes our public comments for this
3 evening. I want to thank everybody for coming out
4 and voicing their opinions.

5 Thank you, all.

6 But before closing this evidentiary record in
7 this matter, the Connecticut Siting Council
8 announces that briefs and proposed findings of
9 fact may be filed with the Council by any party or
10 intervener no later than December 3, 2022.

11 The submission of briefs and proposed
12 findings of fact are not required by this Council,
13 rather we leave it to the choice of the parties
14 and the interveners.

15 Anyone who has not become a party or
16 intervener, but who desires to make his or her
17 views known to the Council may file written
18 statements with the Council within 30 days of the
19 date hereof.

20 The Council will issue draft findings of
21 fact, and thereafter parties and interveners may
22 identify errors or inconsistencies between the
23 Council's drafts, findings of fact and the record.

24 However, no new information, no new evidence,
25 no argument, and no reply beliefs without

1 permission will be considered by the Council.

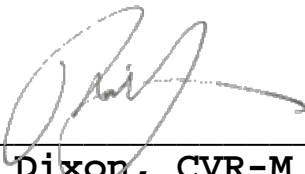
2 Copies of the transcript of this hearing will
3 be filed at the Brookfield Town Clerk's office.

4 I hereby declare this hearing adjourned, and
5 thank you, everyone, for participation. Have a
6 good evening. Thank you again.

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8 (End 7:12 p.m.)
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I hereby certify that the foregoing 36 pages are a complete and accurate computer-aided transcription of my original verbatim notes taken of the Connecticut Siting Council Remote Public Hearing in Re: DOCKET NO. 512, HOMELAND TOWERS, LLC, AND NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC, D/B/A AT&T APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY LOCATED AT 60 VAIL ROAD, BROOKFIELD, CONNECTICUT, which was held before JOHN MORISSETTE, Member and Presiding Officer, on November 3, 2022.



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