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Docket No. 518

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T and
Tarpon Towers III, LLC, Application for a
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and
Public Need for the Construction, Maintenance, and
Operation of a Telecommunications Facility Located
at 99 Dart Hill Road, South Windsor, Connecticut.

Zoom Remote Council Meeting (Teleconference),
on Thursday, December 14, 2023, beginning at 2 p.m.

H e l d B e f o r e :

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1 (Begin: 2 p.m.)

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3 THE HEARING OFFICER: Good afternoon, ladies and
4 gentlemen. Can everyone hear me okay? Very good.
5 Thank you.

6 This public hearing is called to order this
7 Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 2 p.m. My name is
8 John Morissette, member and presiding officer of
9 the Connecticut Siting Council.

10 Other members of the Council are Brian
11 Golembiewski, designee for Commissioner Katie
12 Dykes of the Department of Energy and
13 Environmental Protection. We have Steven
14 Cadwallader, designee for Chairman Marissa Paslick
15 Gillett of the Public Utilities Regulatory
16 Authority. Welcome, Steven.

17 And we have Robert Silvestri and Daniel P.
18 Lynch, Jr.

19 Members of the staff are Melanie Bachman,
20 Executive Director and staff attorney; Ifeanyi
21 Nwankwo, siting analyst; Lisa Fontaine, fiscal
22 administrative officer; and Dakota Lafountain,
23 clerk typist.

24 If you haven't done so already, I ask that
25 everyone please mute their computer audio and/or

1 telephones now.

2 This hearing is held pursuant to the
3 provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut General
4 Statutes and of the Uniform Administrative
5 Procedure Act upon an application from New
6 Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, doing business as AT&T
7 and Tarpon Tower III, LLC, for a certificate of
8 environmental compatibility and public need for
9 the construction, maintenance, and operation of a
10 telecommunications facility located at 99 Dart
11 Hill Road in South Windsor, Connecticut.

12 This application was received by the Council
13 on August 22, 2023. The Council's legal notice of
14 the date and time of this public hearing was
15 published in the Journal Inquirer on September 16,
16 2023.

17 Upon this Council's request, the Applicants
18 erected a sign in the vicinity of the proposed
19 site as to inform the public of the name of the
20 applicant, the type of facility, the public
21 hearing date, and contact information for the
22 Council, including the website and phone number.

23 As a reminder to all, off-the-record
24 communications with a member of the Council or a
25 member of the Council's staff upon the merits of

1 this application is prohibited by law.

2 The parties and interveners to the proceeding
3 are as follows. The Applicants, New Cingular
4 Wireless PCS, LLC, represented by Lucia Chiocchio,
5 Esquire, and Daniel Patrick, Esquire, of Cuddy &
6 Feder LLP; and Tarpon Tower III, LLC, represented
7 by David A. Ball, Esquire, and Philip C. Pires,
8 Esquire, of Cohen and Wolf, PC.

9 We will proceed in accordance with the
10 prepared agenda, a copy of which is available on
11 the Docket Number 518 webpage, along with a record
12 of this matter, the public hearing notice,
13 instructions for public access to this public
14 hearing, and the Council's citizen's guide to
15 Siting Council's procedures.

16 Interested persons may join any session of
17 the public hearing to listen, but no public
18 comment will be received during the 2 p.m.
19 Evidentiary session. At the end of the
20 evidentiary session, we will recess until 6:30
21 p.m. for the public comment session. Please be
22 advised that any person may be removed from the
23 evidentiary session or the public comment session
24 at the discretion of the Council.

25 The 6:30 p.m. public comment session is

1 reserved for members of the public who signed up
2 in advance to make brief statements into the
3 record. I wish to note that the Applicant,
4 parties, and interveners, including their
5 representatives, witnesses, and members, are not
6 allowed to participate in the public comment
7 session.

8 I also wish to note for those who are
9 listening and for the benefit of your friends and
10 neighbors who are unable to join us for the public
11 comment session, that you or they may send written
12 statements to the Council within 30 days of the
13 date hereof, either by mail or by e-mail, and such
14 statements will be given the same weight as if
15 spoken during the public comment session.

16 A verbatim transcript of this public hearing
17 will be posted on the Council's Docket Number 518
18 webpage and deposited with the South Windsor Town
19 Clerk's office for the convenience of the public.
20 Please be advised that the Council's project
21 evaluation criteria under the statute does not
22 include consideration of property values.

23 We will take a 10 to 15-minute break at a
24 convenient juncture at around 3.30 p.m.

25 I will now move on to administrative notices

1 taken by the Council. I wish to call your
2 attention to those items shown on the hearing
3 program marked as Roman Numerals 1B, items 1
4 through 82.

5 Do the Applicants have any objection to the
6 items that the Council has administratively
7 noticed? Attorney Chiocchio or Patrick?

8 MR. PATRICK: No objection.

9 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Attorney Patrick.

10 Attorney Ball or Attorney Pires?

11 MR. BALL: Good afternoon, Mr. Morissette.

12 We have no objection.

13 THE HEARING OFFICER: Good afternoon, Attorney Ball.

14 Accordingly, the Council hereby administratively
15 notices these existing documents.

16 Will the Applicant present its witness panel
17 for purposes of taking the oath and we will have
18 Attorney Bachman administer the oath.

19 Attorney Patrick and Attorney Ball?

20 MR. PATRICK: Yes. Good afternoon, Mr. Morissette. I
21 have AT&T's witnesses here in the room with me.

22 We have Martin Lavin, Radiofrequency Engineer
23 from C Squared Systems, LLC. We also have Harry
24 Carey, the Director of External Affairs at AT&T.
25 So I present these two witnesses on behalf of AT&T

1 today.

2 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Thank you. Attorney Ball?

3 **MR. BALL:** Thank you, Mr. Morissette. And for Tarpon
4 Towers III, we have Keith Coppins, Doug Roberts,
5 and David Archambault, all of whom are online
6 right now.

7 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Thank you, Attorney Ball.

8 Attorney Bachman, please administer the oath.

9 **MS. BACHMAN:** Thank you, Mr. Morissette. Could the
10 Witnesses please raise their right hands?

11 **M A R T I N L A V I N,**

12 **H A R R Y C A R E Y,**

13 **K E I T H C O P P I N S,**

14 **D O U G R O B E R T S,**

15 **D A V I D A R C H A M B A U L T,**

16 called as witnesses, being sworn remotely by
17 **THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,** were examined and
18 testified under oath as follows:

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20 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Thank you, Attorney Bachman.

21 Attorney Chiocchio and Attorney Ball, please
22 begin by verifying all the exhibits for the
23 appropriate sworn witnesses. Attorney
24 Chiocchio -- oh, Attorney Patrick, excuse me.

25 **MR. PATRICK:** No, no worries. The Applicant's exhibits

1 are identified in the hearing program as Roman
2 numeral 2, subsection B, 1 through 5. For
3 verification purposes, I'll ask AT&T, their
4 witnesses a few questions and ask them to respond
5 yes or no, and then I'll let Attorney Ball do the
6 same for his witnesses.

7 So the first question, did you prepare or
8 assist in the preparation of the exhibits
9 identified?

10 Mr. Lavin?

11 THE WITNESS (Lavin): Martin Lavin. Yes.

12 THE WITNESS (Carey): Harry Carey. Yes.

13 MR. PATRICK: Do you have any updates or corrections to
14 the identified exhibits?

15 THE WITNESS (Lavin): Martin Lavin. No.

16 THE WITNESS (Carey): Harry Carey. No.

17 MR. PATRICK: Is the information contained in the
18 identified exhibits true and accurate to the best
19 of your belief?

20 THE WITNESS (Lavin): Martin Lavin. Yes.

21 THE WITNESS (Carey): Harry Carey. Yes.

22 MR. PATRICK: Do you adopt these exhibits as your
23 testimony?

24 THE WITNESS (Lavin): Martin Lavin. Yes.

25 THE WITNESS (Carey): Harry Carey. Yes.

1 MR. PATRICK: Thank you, Mr. Morissette.

2 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. Attorney Ball?

3 MR. BALL: Thank you. I'll be asking the same
4 questions of my panel.

5 Mr. Coppins, did you prepare, assist, or
6 supervise in the preparation of Exhibits 1 through
7 5?

8 THE WITNESS (Coppins): Yes.

9 MR. BALL: Do you have any revisions or corrections to
10 those exhibits?

11 THE WITNESS (Coppins): No.

12 MR. BALL: Are they true and accurate to the best of
13 your knowledge and belief?

14 THE WITNESS (Coppins): Yes, they are.

15 MR. BALL: And do you adopt the exhibits as your
16 testimony?

17 THE WITNESS (Coppins): I do.

18 MR. BALL: Mr. Roberts, did you prepare, assist, or
19 supervise in the preparation of Exhibits 1 through
20 5?

21 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Yes, I did.

22 MR. BALL: And do you have any revisions or corrections
23 to the exhibits?

24 THE WITNESS (Roberts): No, I do not.

25 MR. BALL: Are they true and accurate to the best of

1 your knowledge and belief?

2 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Yes.

3 MR. BALL: And do you adopt them as your testimony
4 today?

5 THE WITNESS (Roberts): I do.

6 MR. BALL: Thank you. And Mr. Archambault -- if you
7 can unmute yourself?

8 THE WITNESS (Archambault): There we go. Sorry.

9 MR. BALL: All right. Did you prepare, assist, or
10 supervise in the preparation of Exhibits 1 through
11 5?

12 THE WITNESS (Archambault): I did.

13 MR. BALL: Do you have any revisions or corrections to
14 the exhibits?

15 THE WITNESS (Archambault): I do not.

16 MR. BALL: Are they true and accurate to the best of
17 your knowledge and belief?

18 THE WITNESS (Archambault): Yes.

19 MR. BALL: Do you adopt them as your testimony today?

20 THE WITNESS (Archambault): Yes.

21 MR. BALL: So, Mr. Morissette, with that, we would ask
22 that Exhibits 1 through 5 be made full exhibits.

23 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Attorney Ball and
24 thank you, Attorney Patrick.

25 The exhibits are hereby admitted.

1 We will now begin with cross-examination of
2 the Applicant by the Council, starting with
3 Mr. Nwankwo, and I will go second.

4 Mr. Nwankwo, good afternoon.

5 **MR. NWANKWO:** Good afternoon, Mr. Morissette. Thank
6 you. I'll begin my question with a reference to
7 the Applicant's response to Council Interrogatory
8 Number 22.

9 My question is, what is the estimated
10 distance from the existing access drive entrance
11 from Dart Hill Road to the existing gate within
12 the Eversource right-of-way?

13 **THE WITNESS (Roberts):** That would fall under me, Doug
14 Roberts.

15 I don't have that specific dimension. If you
16 give me about three minutes, I can get back to you
17 on that.

18 **MR. NWANKWO:** No problem. Thank you.

19 **THE WITNESS (Roberts):** Thank you.

20 **MR. NWANKWO:** On my next question I'll refer to the
21 Applicant's response to Council Interrogatories
22 Number 22 on 59.

23 My question is, what uses of the right-of-way
24 are permitted and what uses are prohibited under
25 the Eversource application?

1 THE WITNESS (Coppins): I can try to answer that. On
2 the -- on the permitted use application for the --
3 for Eversource, there I didn't see any
4 restrictions on use of their -- of the
5 right-of-way.

6 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you. Did the Applicants make any
7 requests from Eversource for any specific
8 permitted use within the right-of-way?

9 THE WITNESS (Coppins): The -- the only thing that
10 we -- that we've requested is access over their
11 existing right-of-way, and their questions were
12 more about where the tower was located. And they
13 wanted us to be 60 feet away from the existing
14 poles, which we are.

15 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you. What is the status of the
16 application currently?

17 THE WITNESS (Coppins): We've -- we paid -- we paid the
18 application fee several weeks ago, and we're just
19 waiting on Eversource -- or Cornerstone, who is
20 Eversource's consulting vendor, to finalize the
21 application. And then I think it has to go to
22 engineering, but when we talked to the -- to the
23 group, they didn't see any issues with what we
24 were trying to accomplish here.

25 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you, Mr. Coppins. My next

1 question, is the existing Eversource right-of-way
2 access gate locked?

3 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Yes, it is. And to answer your
4 question, it's around 400 feet from that gate
5 across their right-of-way to our approximate
6 compound area.

7 MR. NWANKWO: Excellent. Thank you.

8 THE WITNESS (Roberts): You're welcome.

9 MR. NWANKWO: So my next question will be, how would
10 the Applicants, and maybe possible future tenants
11 who are co-located at the facility, how would they
12 be granted access for maintenance or in emergency
13 situations?

14 THE WITNESS (Coppins): Similar to -- similar to all
15 the other sites that we have, Eversource is going
16 to give us an easement to allow access for all,
17 all purposes for the use of the cell tower.

18 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you. Does the Applicant have any
19 idea of approximately how many construction
20 vehicles, or what type of vehicles will be
21 expected to enter the site during construction?

22 THE WITNESS (Coppins): Just during construction,
23 we'll -- we'll use -- we'll need a crane. We'll
24 need, you know, some, you know, backhoes and --
25 and things to, you know, to clear, to clear the

1 area.

2 Once -- I think the crane is probably the
3 biggest thing, concrete trucks as well, and they
4 all will have full access to the -- to the site.

5 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you for that. Has there been any
6 designated parking area for these construction
7 vehicles within the project area?

8 THE WITNESS (Coppins): I don't think we have
9 designated specific parking areas for them, but
10 they would -- they typically will, during the
11 construction phase, park outside or, you know,
12 park within, in the -- within the -- of our lease
13 area when they -- when they leave, but nothing is
14 going to be parked on a permanent basis.

15 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you. I'll actually refer to page 6
16 of the power density report, which indicates that
17 AT&T would allocate both the 3500 and the 3700
18 megahertz frequencies to its 5G service.

19 My question is, will both frequencies become
20 operational at the same time? Or would one
21 frequency be commissioned and then another one for
22 the future?

23 THE WITNESS (Lavin): This is Martin Lavin. I'm not
24 sure of the schedule for those two. They might
25 come out together, or they might come out

1 separately. I would have to verify that.

2 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you. How would the topography of
3 the surrounding area impact the site coverage?

4 THE WITNESS (Lavin): We're -- Martin Lavin again.

5 We're located on a hill, which is a good spot to
6 be. We're roughly between at least three or four
7 sites about the same distance, a mile, a mile and
8 a half. Sitting up on that hill allows us to
9 cover this whole area.

10 In terms of topography, this is really the
11 best place to be. It's a hill more or less right
12 in the middle of the coverage gap.

13 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you. Is AT&T anticipating any
14 interference from adjoining hills or any
15 topography in that area?

16 THE WITNESS (Lavin): The topography will limit the
17 coverage somewhat as opposed to being in a flat
18 area, but in this particular case this hill works
19 out well in terms of being high enough to see a
20 lot of this.

21 There are other ridges around this area, but
22 to be in this particular spot minimizes any loss
23 of coverage due to terrain to the -- to the extent
24 practical.

25 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you. I would like to refer to the

1 Applicant's response to Council Interrogatory
2 Number 5, also called Exhibit 5, within the
3 response. Could the Applicant please confirm the
4 number of omni antennas that the Town proposes to
5 install?

6 THE WITNESS (Lavin): I think that's more of a question
7 for Tarpon. Keith? Or --

8 THE WITNESS (Coppins): Can you just repeat that
9 question for me, please?

10 MR. NWANKWO: Yeah. In the response to Council
11 Interrogatory Number 5, I think there was an
12 attachment which was called Exhibit 5. So I think
13 that shows the town's application to co-locate on
14 the tower. Under the section for the omni
15 antennas, there was a section that was blank for
16 quantity. So there are two sections for the omni
17 antennas, I believe.

18 THE WITNESS (Coppins): So then, let me just -- so
19 they're going to -- so they're going to go at the
20 155-foot, and they're doing two. It looks like
21 they're doing a total of two antennas, two, two
22 omni antennas.

23 MR. NWANKWO: Okay. Under the column that says,
24 antenna one, just the quantity shows that it's
25 empty. Does that mean that nothing has been

1 installed there?

2 THE WITNESS (Coppins): In the application, it just
3 shows that, nothing in there, but it gives a model
4 number underneath it. So I'm assuming that
5 it's -- it may have hit into the number two,
6 because it looks like it's the same exact one.

7 MR. NWANKWO: Okay. Thank you.

8 For my next question, I would like to refer
9 to Attachment I of the application, and the
10 updated US Fish and Wildlife Service
11 Correspondence. It's dated April 21, 2023, which
12 indicates that the monarch butterfly may occur
13 within the site. The Fish and Wildlife Service
14 also recommended coordination to determine if the
15 proposed project would have an impact on these
16 species.

17 My question is, has the Applicant coordinated
18 with the Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the
19 monarch butterfly?

20 THE WITNESS (Coppins): We have not coordinated with
21 them as of yet. We would coordinate with them
22 once the -- if the -- if the Council approve this,
23 this application. Docket approved, then we would
24 hire somebody from ECA to -- to coordinate with
25 Fish and Wildlife.

1 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you. Also, referring to the
2 Applicant's response to Council Interrogatory 19,
3 which indicates that blasting is not anticipated
4 during construction. My question is, what methods
5 would be used if rock or ledge were encountered
6 during construction?

7 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Doug Roberts here. Normally
8 what we have done is the rock, traditionally the
9 first five feet of rock is heavily fissured, and
10 that usually can be removed with a machine. Only
11 when we get sort of through that does that present
12 a problem, and our -- basically, our foundation is
13 usually five to six feet below grade.

14 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you. I would also like to refer to
15 the Applicant's response to Council Interrogatory
16 28, which references the tower's proximity to the
17 transmission lines and distance to the nearest
18 property line. My question is, has the Applicant
19 considered installing a yield point, and at what
20 height would Tarpon install the yield point for
21 the proposed tower?

22 THE WITNESS (Coppins): I can answer that. Keith
23 Coppins. We have installed yield points in, in
24 towers in the past. If the Council desires us to
25 have a yield point in the -- in the tower we can.

1 We can do that to have it fall within a certain
2 area. Doug would probably be able to best answer
3 of what height it would be at, but we would
4 certainly do that for you.

5 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Yeah, we would look at the
6 closest property line and/or the right-of-way and
7 determine that closest distance, and that would be
8 the fall zone from the top.

9 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you.

10 THE WITNESS (Roberts): You're welcome.

11 MR. NWANKWO: I would like to refer to Council
12 Interrogatory 48. My question is, will AT&T's
13 ground equipment be alarmed?

14 THE WITNESS (Lavin): This is Martin Lavin again.

15 Yes, it will be alarmed.

16 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you. Also referring to the
17 Applicant's response to Council Interrogatory
18 Number 62, could the facility be treated or
19 painted to match the electric transmission line
20 structures?

21 THE WITNESS (Roberts): The transmission line
22 structures are actually wood. They're a utility
23 pole, like a regular street side utility pole.
24 We're proposing it to be galvanized steel in
25 color.

1 MR. NWANKWO: Okay. Would any different type of
2 stealth tower design blend in with the surrounding
3 area?

4 THE WITNESS (Coppins): Did you ask if there was -- if
5 there was other stealth around the area --

6 MR. NWANKWO: Yes, if there was another -- yes, that
7 stealth tower design that would blend in with the
8 surrounding area?

9 THE WITNESS (Coppins): Other than -- other than a
10 monopine, I think that would probably be the only
11 design that would blend with the -- with the area
12 given the -- given the tree cover there.

13 THE WITNESS (Roberts): And at 165 feet it would be
14 quite out of place.

15 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you. I would like to refer to the
16 Applicant's response to Council Interrogatories 35
17 and 36.

18 And my question is, how is the need for new
19 facility or additional data capacity, how is that
20 determined when nearby sites are not near
21 exhaustion?

22 THE WITNESS (Lavin): This is Martin Lavin.

23 Specifically AT&T, the capacity relief, there
24 isn't any capacity relief needed in this
25 situation. This is strictly a coverage gap.

1 That's by measurements and by predictions to show
2 critical areas where coverage is lacking.

3 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you. Similar to a coverage map,
4 can capacity exhaustion be predicted on a map,
5 too?

6 THE WITNESS (Lavin): Capacity exhaustion is predicted.
7 We hope -- we always hope to stay ahead of it
8 running out. We probably take a year's worth of
9 data or so, I believe, and do a line fit to it,
10 and see when it's going to exceed the criteria.

11 MR. NWANKWO: Excellent. Thank you very much. Thank
12 you, Mr. Morissette. That's all my questions.

13 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Mr. Nwankwo.

14 I will continue with my cross-examination for
15 this afternoon. And I would like to turn to the
16 drawings attached to the interrogatories,
17 specifically the drawing of the property, and the
18 topo map.

19 My first question is, how much improvement to
20 the access road will be required?

21 THE WITNESS (Roberts): The existing road is certainly
22 serviceable right now. When we, if we were to be
23 approved and install the underground utilities,
24 after that we would resurface that road and bring
25 it up to better condition than it is today.

1 THE HEARING OFFICER: Now, given that it's an existing
2 access road within Eversource's easement, there to
3 the south, it appeared that there was room to go
4 up the side of the right-of-way.

5 Did you have any comment on that?

6 I know that given that it's an existing
7 access road, I can see why you're using it, but it
8 looked like there was room in the south side of
9 the right-of-way.

10 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Well, we're coming right off of
11 Dart Hill Road, right onto their main access to
12 that utility run. The properties that are to the
13 south of that right-of -- well, along the street,
14 are privately held not by our tenant.

15 So our tenant has just that strip of land
16 that goes from Dart Hill Road and then expands up
17 and crosses the right-of-way, and we're on the
18 south side of their transmission line
19 right-of-way. So that was the area that kind of
20 was just woods. Our landlord owns that property
21 and it was away from any of the other structures
22 along that, that road.

23 THE HEARING OFFICER: Yeah, that makes sense.

24 Thank you.

25 THE WITNESS (Roberts): You're welcome.

1 THE HEARING OFFICER: Concerning the actual property
2 itself, if we could, using the same exhibit. Now,
3 the property owner on the leased area is Judith
4 Eckhouse?

5 THE WITNESS (Coppins): Eckhouse.

6 THE HEARING OFFICER: Eckhouse, okay.

7 And she also owns the property to the south?

8 THE WITNESS (Roberts): That is correct.

9 THE WITNESS (Coppins): That is correct.

10 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. So that's two separate
11 properties. Is that right?

12 THE WITNESS (Coppins): Yes, she owns two lots there.

13 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. And the property to the
14 south, it appears to be landlocked.

15 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Yes, you are correct. There is
16 an easement over the host property that we're
17 looking at, to that lot. It's depicted on the
18 survey map, access and utility easement, it shows
19 right along the western property line.

20 THE HEARING OFFICER: Uh-huh.

21 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Access to that. I believe she
22 gave herself an easement.

23 THE HEARING OFFICER: Oh, I see it. Yeah, okay.

24 All right. The concern I have is the pad for
25 the location of the site. It's going to be a

1 hundred feet from her property -- or I'll call it
2 her second property.

3 **THE WITNESS (Roberts):** Correct. That is correct.

4 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** And you're 60 feet, approximately
5 60 feet to the right-of-way on the north-northeast
6 side.

7 My concern is that you're going to have a
8 tower pretty close to that property. I'm asking
9 you a question as to what she's going to do with
10 that property, but with the structure there, it
11 may encumber her, what she can do with it?

12 **THE WITNESS (Coppins):** I -- Keith Coppins. I -- I've
13 been in contact with the Eckhouses and asking them
14 what their future plans were for the property.
15 And they -- they had a house that was -- that was
16 approved at one point in time, I believe, but
17 there they have no -- they have no plans to do
18 anything with the property.

19 I asked them that specific question when we
20 were trying to locate the spot on the -- on the
21 property for this, for the site.

22 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Was there any thought of putting
23 this site on that property? It is a higher
24 elevation, I think.

25 **THE WITNESS (Coppins):** I don't think there was --

1 there was a thought of putting it there. I don't
2 know that there was a thought of not putting it
3 there either. When -- when we found the property,
4 Doug and I, we talked about where the best place
5 to put it on the single property. We didn't
6 necessarily want to go on the second one, but it
7 possibly could be -- be relocated over onto that
8 other parcel.

9 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Yeah, I was just curious.

10 All right. Talking about sites, did anybody
11 look at Topstone or Willow Brook Golf courses for
12 a possible site?

13 **THE WITNESS (Coppins):** Specifically for this, for this
14 area here?

15 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Uh-huh.

16 **THE WITNESS (Coppins):** We did -- we did not. I looked
17 in this area with the notion that there was --
18 there was a need for -- for a site in this area.
19 The reason that we picked the area that we picked
20 was mainly the -- the power lines that were --
21 that were already going through and would be a
22 good, good location for a site.

23 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Well, the elevation here is --
24 well, the golf courses are a much lower elevation,
25 so it probably is not/were good locations anyways

1 because of their low elevation.

2 Okay. I'm going to switch to Mr. Lavin.

3 Good afternoon, Mr. Lavin. How are you?

4 THE WITNESS (Lavin): I'm muted, unmuted now.

5 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. I've got a couple of
6 questions associated with your coverage map.

7 If we could go to the existing and proposed
8 coverage map?

9 THE WITNESS (Lavin): From the report or from the --

10 THE HEARING OFFICER: From the application?

11 THE WITNESS (Lavin): Application.

12 THE HEARING OFFICER: 700 megahertz.

13 THE WITNESS (Lavin): Okay?

14 THE HEARING OFFICER: So it looks like your objective
15 here is to essentially cover the circle gap, but
16 also coverage to the north as well.

17 Now the mall is to your south. Does this
18 improve the coverage at the mall at all? Or is it
19 totally -- I know you will have two towers down by
20 the mall that they'll interact to, but it doesn't
21 necessarily -- let me rephrase it. Sorry.

22 Does the mall need improvement based on
23 you've got adequate coverage at the mall area, and
24 this has nothing really to do with it?

25 THE WITNESS (Lavin): I'm thinking it's CT-5308 and

1 1093, the mall location, just to the left of the
2 legend, at the bottom of the plot.

3 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Well, no. If you look at your
4 neighboring sites map, it will help you identify
5 it. The one, 5307 and then you have 5323, which
6 is the water tower. Those are right adjacent to
7 the mall.

8 Unfortunately, your coverage gap doesn't go
9 down that low. Your coverage map, the existing
10 coverage doesn't show --

11 **THE WITNESS (Lavin):** At that location, this, this site
12 is not to be doing anything. I don't know whether
13 or not any improvement might be needed, but this
14 site will not do anything for the mall that
15 extensive.

16 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Yeah, I would expect that between
17 those two sites that I just stated, that you would
18 have more than enough coverage down there. So
19 this is really to improve coverage north of the
20 mall into South Windsor?

21 **THE WITNESS (Lavin):** Yes.

22 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Okay. Concerning the Town's
23 desire to attach to the facility, I'm curious as
24 to why they would need additional equipment on
25 this tower considering that they have a tower at

1 their police department.

2 Is this -- I know it may be difficult for you
3 to answer this question, because you're not at the
4 police department, but is this to help communicate
5 with that tower? Or is it independent to try to
6 obtain larger coverage for emergency purposes?

7 **THE WITNESS (Coppins):** It's going to be hard to --
8 hard to answer that with what the police station
9 wants. I know that when we did the technical
10 report, they jumped in very quickly to want to
11 locate on the tower. So I'll -- I'll defer to
12 Mr. Lavin on the -- on the coverage area.

13 **THE WITNESS (Lavin):** Yeah. While I can't speak
14 directly for them, the fact that they're putting
15 up omni antennas would indicate to me they are
16 looking for coverage rather than interconnection
17 to other sites in the network.

18 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Okay. And that kind of goes into
19 my next question as to why, why the police
20 department tower is not adequate to obtain
21 coverage for this area? Is there a feature that
22 I'm not seeing that is obstructing the police
23 department going north, coverage going north?

24 **THE WITNESS (Lavin):** I guess I have to know where the
25 police department tower is, and --

1 THE HEARING OFFICER: That's CT-1139, just for your
2 information.

3 THE WITNESS (Lavin): You're looking kind of uphill
4 there. You wouldn't get that there's -- that red
5 ridge that runs from CT-1,003. Through the
6 proposed site and down to -- forward CT-1093. I
7 believe that the coverage -- let me check the
8 height on 1139.

9 THE HEARING OFFICER: Yeah, it looks like you do have a
10 ridge through there. Yeah.

11 THE WITNESS (Lavin): We're 170. There's a ridge
12 through there that I know would certainly cut us
13 off from going anywhere east of there. And
14 there's kind of a ridge there that I think is
15 cutting us off.

16 And when it goes from green up to yellow and
17 up to red, I think that's kind of where we're the
18 ground elevation at -- the ground elevation is
19 down in the blues, like, 150 feet. The site is up
20 that 375.

21 So it's quite a bit downhill from there.

22 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay, and so that the ridge on
23 the proposed site is actually helping you get
24 coverage to the northeast?

25 THE WITNESS (Lavin): Yeah, by being on top of the

1 ridge we get coverage on both sides, yes.

2 THE HEARING OFFICER: Yeah, okay. That's helpful. All
3 right. That makes sense. Thank you.

4 Okay. I would like to turn to the sound
5 study. Is the sound study person on the panel
6 this afternoon, or is somebody else answering
7 questions for it?

8 All right. I'll start in and we'll see where
9 we go. I'm kind of going back to my original
10 questioning about the property lines. If you look
11 at page 14 and 15 of the report, you had 63 dBA
12 and 54 dBA at the property line with the
13 generator, recognizing that the generator is
14 exempt from the noise.

15 Again, I was concerned about that piece of
16 property if, in fact, something was done with that
17 property, or a house was put on that property, the
18 noise levels from the generator, if it was
19 operating during an emergency, could be up to 76
20 dBA at 23 feet. So any comments on that?

21 MS. CHIOCCHIO: Good afternoon, Mr. Morissette. It's
22 Attorney CHIOCCHIO.

23 The engineer who performed the study is not
24 on the witness panel, but if in the future there
25 was an issue with respect to sound, we would

1 certainly work with the property owner to ensure
2 that the equipment met whatever applicable sound
3 regulations are in place.

4 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Yes. Well, as it stands now,
5 based on the analysis, all the equipment,
6 including the generator, would meet the
7 requirements without doing anything.

8 Okay. Well, thank you.

9 Let's see what else I got here. Just a
10 comment on the hinge point. I think a hinge point
11 is going to be necessary to ensure that the
12 structure doesn't collapse into the right-of-way,
13 into the transmission facilities.

14 Oh, yes. One final question and then I'll
15 move on. On page 2 of the application, it
16 indicated that the Town's equipment would be at no
17 cost. Does that mean that there's no rental cost
18 to be on the tower? Or is that -- I'm sure it
19 doesn't mean there's no cost to install the
20 equipment?

21 **THE WITNESS (Coppins):** Yes. That there's no --
22 there's no rental income for them to be on the
23 tower.

24 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Okay.

25 **THE WITNESS (Coppins):** We're giving them space at no

1 charge.

2 THE HEARING OFFICER: Very good. That's what I
3 thought. I just wanted to be clear. All right.

4 Well, thank you, everyone. We will now move
5 on to Mr. Cadwallader, followed by
6 Mr. Golembiewski. Mr. Cadwallader, good afternoon
7 and welcome.

8 MR. CADWALLADER: Good afternoon, Mr. Morissette.

9 I don't have any questions at this time.

10 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. We'll now continue
11 with cross-examination by Mr. Golembiewski,
12 followed by Mr. Lynch. Mr. Golembiewski?

13 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Good afternoon, Mr. Morissette. I
14 had a question regarding the site search summary,
15 Exhibit F. And my question was specific to a
16 question as to the viability of a tower at 2990
17 Ellington Road, which is in there, is in the list
18 of existing towers. And it appears to be on
19 either water towers, or some type of silo
20 structure.

21 If you look at the site search summary in
22 rejected sites maps, they are just northeast of
23 number three of the, I guess, rejected sites. So
24 I was just wondering why that was not a viable
25 alternative.

1 THE WITNESS (Lavin): This is Martin Lavin again. I
2 believe another carrier is on there, those tanks.
3 It's visible from the road, but those tanks are
4 right at the edge of our current coverage. If we
5 build there, half the coverage would be
6 overlapping with the site to the north, CT-103, I
7 believe. And the other half would stop -- be
8 stopped by the ridge that we're located on with
9 the proposed site.

10 It's kind of halfway in between the two
11 places we need to be, the one where we are and the
12 one we're going to. The ridge we're on, the red
13 ridge you see on that map of the terrain shows
14 where we would get blocked going south from there.
15 So that would not reach. So that would not give
16 us any of the coverage we're getting to the south
17 from our proposed site.

18 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. So that -- so that answer
19 leads me to a question. Then why would you even
20 throw three, four, and six in your rejected sites
21 then if you knew it wasn't going to give you the
22 coverage you need?

23 Why would you even put that in there?

24 THE WITNESS (Lavin): I -- I know it was listed as
25 number seven. I don't know if it was listed as

1 rejected.

2 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: No, I was just saying, so you showed
3 us six potential sites. And of those on this map,
4 three, four, and six are pretty much -- you could
5 hock a loogie from those to the tower. So why
6 would you even put those in there?

7 It seems like you're just kind of saying,
8 yeah, well. We'll -- we looked at these, but we
9 knew they weren't going to be good, so I don't
10 know. It just doesn't sit well if your answer is
11 you knew that the water tanks were not viable.

12 THE WITNESS (Lavin): I don't think the water tank was
13 listed as rejected. I'm not sure.

14 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: No, it's not. It wasn't listed as
15 rejected. It was listed as an existing tower, but
16 clearly we want you to co-locate.

17 THE WITNESS (Lavin): Yes.

18 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: So if three, four, and six somehow
19 got through the sausage maker to your final
20 grouping of towers, how come seven wasn't?

21 THE WITNESS (Lavin): I know the seven wasn't.

22 Keith, did you want to comment on that?

23 THE WITNESS (Coppins): Yeah, I can. So I can answer.
24 I can answer some of that of why we -- why we went
25 where. When I started the sites, when I started

1 this, these are the -- these are the different
2 areas when I -- when I looked at the map and when
3 I -- when I did my -- my travel around, I looked
4 at everything, not knowing what AT&T, Verizon, or
5 T-Mobile even needed. I just looked at sites that
6 would be possible.

7 And when -- the reason that number three,
8 four, and six, that they weren't interested in
9 leasing to us, so that, that was why it was
10 rejected, not because of coverage.

11 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. All right. That makes sense.

12 THE WITNESS (Coppins): Once I -- once I would finish
13 that, then I would send it out to the carriers to
14 see if they would -- if they would need it.
15 Usually, AT&T would get back and say, oh, yeah.
16 This, this one doesn't work. We need to be
17 further to the north, or further to the east.

18 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. All right. My next question
19 is about the visibility assessment, and I'm
20 calling it up now. So when I look at the maps,
21 and I guess I can refer to, let's see, I guess the
22 page 2. I -- I had a question in regards to the
23 visibility, I guess, from Dzen Farm.

24 And I know photo 26 shows that it wasn't
25 visible, but there seems like a whole lot of

1 streaking of red, orange, and yellow across almost
2 the entire property. So I was just wondering what
3 the visibility from those fields and that, that
4 property -- is there a photo that would be -- I
5 mean, I know it's a fairly significant distance.

6 But how would you characterize that
7 visibility?

8 THE WITNESS (Archambault): So when we do a viewshed,
9 we do a viewshed with, that's the map, the
10 streaking that you're talking about. We can do
11 that across an area, regardless of property
12 ownership, property line.

13 When we do photo simulations, we can only go
14 on public property to take our photo. In this
15 particular case, that edge of the road there,
16 that's on the east side of the road where the
17 photo was taken. It's actually raised up
18 considerably. If you're standing on the road, you
19 would go up a certain number of feet before you
20 would plateau on that property.

21 Those are open fields that are part of that
22 farm area. I don't know what they use the fields
23 for, whether it's cattle or corn, or whatever, but
24 yes, there would be from those fields, if you were
25 standing in the field you would have visibility.

1 On the road itself, there is no visibility
2 because of tree cover along the road, and the road
3 being lower than the property that it's right next
4 to.

5 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. And based on the color, it
6 would be the seasonal or year round? I'm trying
7 to figure that out.

8 THE WITNESS (Archambault): So if you look at them,
9 we -- we list them either leaf on or leaf off. So
10 if the color is there, you're going to see it.
11 And with that being that color orange, even though
12 you're getting close to a mile away at this point,
13 there would be a straight line of sight to about
14 half of the tower.

15 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. Yeah, I see. So I have the
16 leaf-on one. Yes. Okay. So then I guess my
17 question -- or two is, so it looks like to the
18 northeast, it's sort of like a paint spatter.

19 Right?

20 THE WITNESS (Archambault): Yeah.

21 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: And so what, in your opinion, gives
22 you that spatter? Is that just the trees or the
23 topography or?

24 THE WITNESS (Archambault): Yes. So we use LIDAR data,
25 which is fairly accurate data. And we use two

1 different sets of data. We have one set of data,
2 which just shows the ground. If you picture a
3 proper area where everything is stripped off,
4 every bush, every tree, every building, every sign
5 is stripped off the land.

6 Then we take another layer of data, which
7 includes all of those things that are taken off.
8 And we put that on top of the bottom layer. And
9 it literally, if there's a tree there, it will
10 block on the opposite side of where you're coming.

11 So being little spots like that, you're
12 probably seeing it in a little valley of trees
13 that if you walk five feet to the side, that tree
14 will now be in front of you. And because there
15 are houses, roads and trees in this area, there's
16 a lot of combinations of things that could be
17 blocking certain parts or leaving certain little
18 tunnels available to see.

19 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. That makes sense.

20 THE WITNESS (Archambault): And if you look at photo
21 twelve, I think that will give you a little bit of
22 an idea of what that kind of spattering looks
23 like. That's right in the middle of that
24 particular spattering, and we have it as a
25 seasonal visibility from there.

1 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. Yeah, all right. When I go
2 to the simulation on photo two, that's from Mara,
3 Mara Trail. That's one of those residential lots,
4 I think, just to the southeast of the tower site.

5 And I see the tower there, and I guess I just
6 want to confirm with you that you feel like that's
7 a fair simulation of what they're going to see
8 leaf off?

9 THE WITNESS (Archambault): Yes.

10 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. All right. Thank you, Mr.
11 Morissette. Those are the questions I had.

12 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Mr. Golembiewski.

13 We will now continue with cross-examination
14 by Mr. Lynch, followed by Mr. Silvestri.

15 Mr. Lynch, good afternoon.

16 MR. LYNCH: No questions.

17 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Mr. Lynch. We'll now
18 continue with cross-examination by Mr. Silvestri.

19 Good afternoon, Mr. Silvestri.

20 MR. SILVESTRI: Good afternoon, Mr. Morissette, and
21 good afternoon to the panel. Let me go back to a
22 couple questions that were asked, one by
23 Mr. Nwankwo, one by Mr. Morissette.

24 Starting with the security part of it, my
25 understanding is that that gate would be locked.

1 And if I heard correctly, would access, meaning a
2 key, be granted to the individual tower tenants?

3 Did I get that correct?

4 **THE WITNESS (Coppins):** Usually what we would do when
5 there's an existing site, and for instance,
6 Eversource has a key, we would daisy chain the new
7 lock into our combination lock so that there would
8 be access by everyone.

9 **MR. SILVESTRI:** Okay. Thank you. Then going back to
10 the coverage plots brought up by Mr. Morissette.
11 And this one, I'm looking at the 700 megahertz
12 existing and proposed coverage.

13 Does the ridge to the south, southeast of the
14 proposed tower interfere with coverage on the
15 eastern portion of Beelzebub Road?

16 **THE WITNESS (Lavin):** It drops from yellow to green at
17 Beelzebub Road. So you're looking -- Beelzebub
18 Road is kind of on the backside of the ridge,
19 between the site and Beelzebub Road. So it --
20 it's shadowed from being behind that, behind that
21 drop in terrain.

22 **MR. SILVESTRI:** So is it correct to say that signals
23 would pass over because that road is so low?

24 **THE WITNESS (Lavin):** Yes, it probably -- if you look
25 at the plot here, it seems they pick up again.

1 Yes.

2 MR. SILVESTRI: Okay.

3 THE WITNESS (Lavin): So that's kind of a bad thing.

4 It just skips over that.

5 MR. SILVESTRI: That's what I thought. Thank you.

6 All right. We talked about the hinge point.
7 Color of the tower. You mentioned galvanized
8 steel. Would painting it brown be better to blend
9 in with the existing Eversource poles and whatever
10 the deciduous trees that might be there?

11 THE WITNESS (Archambault): I think I can answer that.

12 David Archambault. There's very little places
13 that you can see the tower and those poles
14 blending them together. It doesn't make any sense
15 as there, they're not seen together. So you'd
16 just be adding a brown pole into the New England
17 sky.

18 A galvanized pole after a year of weathering
19 is a very dull gray. And we have found again, our
20 opinion, we have found that that dull gray blends
21 with most skies in New England. You know, you
22 have a perfect picturesque blue day, maybe it
23 doesn't blend in perfectly, but when you have
24 clouds and any kind of other than perfect day, it
25 blends in more often than not.

1 MR. SILVESTRI: Okay, no. Thank you for your response.

2 Then there was a comment about not looking at
3 a false evergreen. A question I always like to
4 ask, was a watchtower configuration looked at, at
5 all, instead of just a straight monopole?

6 THE WITNESS (Coppins): We -- we didn't consider a
7 watch tower.

8 MR. SILVESTRI: Any particular reason?

9 THE WITNESS (Coppins): Probably just that it, I don't
10 know that it would fit in this, in this, in this
11 area. I would think that the monopole would
12 probably be the best, the best option here.

13 MR. SILVESTRI: Yeah. My two rationale points would
14 be; one, too high; and the second one, too
15 expensive -- but I appreciate your comments,
16 Mr. Coppins.

17 THE WITNESS (Coppins): Thank you.

18 MR. SILVESTRI: If you could turn to page 30 now of the
19 application, there is a paragraph that's labeled
20 as number eight, and I'll read it to you. It
21 says, there will be no psychological injury, in
22 quotes, because there is no major natural area,
23 also in quotes, that will be intruded upon. And
24 then it has, see Exhibit G, H, I, and K.

25 A question I have for you, how does that

1 sentence apply to Exhibit G, which is the site
2 plan?

3 THE WITNESS (Coppins): I'm looking for that, for that,
4 please. Hold on one second.

5 MR. SILVESTRI: No, take your time.

6 Again, this is page 30.

7 THE WITNESS (Coppins): Too many things open on the
8 computer to look at. Hold on.

9 MR. BALL: Well, if it helps, I can jump in just a
10 little bit, Mr. Silvestri, because I was involved
11 in working on the drafting of that portion of it.

12 And I think we were simply trying to refer
13 the Council to the plans themselves. I think you
14 have to look at it in conjunction with the other
15 exhibits -- not to step on Mr. Coppins' answer,
16 but I think I can take responsibility for that
17 inclusion.

18 THE HEARING OFFICER: The words that threw me are
19 "psychological injury." That's why I --

20 MR. BALL: Right, and that's a local zoning regulatory
21 term. So we were literally applying the special
22 permit, special exception factors that exist in
23 the town regulations which come above it.

24 That's one of the nine factors.

25 MR. SILVESTRI: Okay. I could take that as a good

1 answer. Thank you.

2 MR. BALL: Thank you.

3 MR. SILVESTRI: All right. For clarification purposes
4 now, there's a number of drawings that were both
5 in the application and then they came into the
6 interrogatory responses. I'd like you to refer to
7 Drawing L-2.

8 And the question that I have on this is L-2
9 has six leased areas as opposed to four. It also
10 has the proposed tower height at 155 feet as
11 opposed to going higher. So would anything
12 related to Drawing L-2 be, how should we say,
13 moot?

14 Because somehow the projected plans were
15 overriding this, and now we're back to C-103 as
16 the final site plan, or compound plan.

17 THE WITNESS (Coppins): I think I can try to answer
18 that. So the L-1 was a lease exhibit that we --
19 that we did. And when we went into the technical
20 report, when the Town came in, obviously they
21 wanted to go off the top of the tower.

22 We wanted to keep AT&T where they were
23 located, so we increased the height of the tower
24 to -- to the 165 so that we could accommodate the
25 Town, leaving AT&T -- which is why there was a

1 discrepancy in the height.

2 MR. SILVESTRI: As well as the number of leased areas.
3 Because L-2 would show six, and C-103 would have,
4 I guess, five?

5 THE WITNESS (Coppins): That is correct. We -- we did
6 put -- I'm sure that Doug put some things in there
7 just to see, to get as much room in the compound
8 itself. But having four carriers available at
9 this point in time, plus the Town, it would be
10 five.

11 MR. SILVESTRI: Okay. So ignore L-2 for all intents
12 and purposes?

13 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Yes.

14 THE WITNESS (Coppins): That is correct.

15 MR. SILVESTRI: Thank you. Okay. All right. And you
16 mentioned the diesel generator. Was any
17 consideration given to propane?

18 THE WITNESS (Coppins): Okay. We'll let mister --
19 we'll let the AT&T panel answer that one.

20 MR. SILVESTRI: Okay.

21 THE WITNESS (Carey): Harry Carey for AT&T.

22 It was not.

23 MR. SILVESTRI: Any reason why?

24 THE WITNESS (Carey): I'd say our procedures are mostly
25 driven diesel.

1 MR. SILVESTRI: Okay. Then I believe I have one last
2 question for you. This goes back to the response
3 to Interrogatory Number 16.

4 And this mentions that the maximum wind speed
5 tolerance for the antennas is 60 miles per hour.
6 Is that correct, 60 miles per hour?

7 THE WITNESS (Roberts): And that was my response. This
8 is Doug Roberts. That's the serviceable velocity.
9 So they're designed to a criteria and that's the
10 serviceable. It's nothing that would be --
11 nothing catastrophic would happen above 60 miles
12 an hour.

13 It would be possibly, their azimuths, and it
14 might change a bit because again, a tower is going
15 to move just by the nature of a 60 mile an hour
16 wind. So that's sort of a serviceable, you know,
17 the criteria for their antennas is up to that,
18 that speed of wind.

19 MR. SILVESTRI: Yeah. Mr. Roberts, I kind of thought
20 that would be the answer. Because I looked at
21 that and I said, this looks kind of low. And my
22 thought was that, you know, 60 or so, you might
23 have to go back up and readjust them, but I didn't
24 see the antennas blowing off until you get to some
25 much higher, higher mile per hour.

1 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Yeah. And it's not even a
2 matter of blowing, or getting out of whack. It's
3 really a matter of the tower is going to move.
4 It's going to sway. I mean, there's -- there's
5 movement in the tower.

6 And you know, Martin has criteria with AT&T
7 as azimuths and down tilt and such, and all that
8 kind of gets compromised with anything above, say,
9 60 miles an hour.

10 MR. SILVESTRI: Understood, no. Thank you for your
11 response. And Mr. Morissette, I believe that's
12 all I have. Thank you.

13 THE HEARING OFFICER: Very good. Thank you,
14 Mr. Silvestri. We will just quickly run through
15 and see if anybody's got any follow-up questions.

16 Mr. Nwankwo?

17 MR. NWANKWO: No, no questions.

18 I have no questions. Thank you.

19 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. I have no follow-up
20 questions. Mr. Cadwallader?

21 MR. CADWALLADER: No followup. Thank you.

22 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. Mr. Golembiewski?

23 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: I have no followup. Thank you.

24 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. Mr. Lynch?

25 Mr. Lynch, any follow-up questions?

1 (No response.)

2
3 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay.

4 Hearing none, Mr. Silvestri?

5 MR. SILVESTRI: I'm good, Mr. Morissette. Thank you.

6 THE HEARING OFFICER: Very good. Thank you.

7 All right. Very good. That concludes our
8 hearing for this afternoon. We will recess.

9 MR. LYNCH: Excuse me, Mr. Morissette?

10 THE HEARING OFFICER: Yes, Mr. Lynch?

11 MR. LYNCH: I'm having trouble here with this computer.

12 No questions.

13 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Very good. Thank you.

14 All right. The Council will recess until
15 6:30 p.m., at which time we will commence with the
16 public comment session of this public hearing.

17 And thank you, Mr. Silvestri, for covering
18 the public comment session for me this evening.

19 I appreciate it.

20 MR. SILVESTRI: My pleasure. My pleasure,

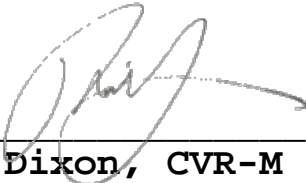
21 Mr. Morissette.

22 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. And good afternoon
23 and good evening, everyone.

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25 (End: 3:06 p.m.)

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing 50 pages are a complete and accurate computer-aided transcription of my original verbatim notes taken of the remote teleconference meeting of THE CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL in Re: DOCKET NO. 518, NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC, d/b/a AT&T AND TARPON TOWERS III, LLC, APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY LOCATED AT 99 DART HILL ROAD, SOUTH WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT, which was held before JOHN MORISSETTE, Member and Presiding Officer, on December 14, 2023.



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