

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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Docket No. 521

Application from Tarpon Towers III, LLC, and
Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for a
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and
Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and
operation of a telecommunications facility and
associated equipment located at 1021-1041 South Main
Street, Cheshire, Connecticut.

Zoom Remote Council Meeting (Teleconference),
on Thursday, June 13, 2024, 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?

5 Very good. Thank you.

6 This public hearing is called to order this
7 Thursday, June 13, 2024, 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, designate for Commissioner Katie
12 Dykes of the Department of Energy and
13 Environmental Protection; Quat Nguyen, designee
14 for Chairman Marissa Paslick Gillett of the Public
15 Utilities Regulatory Authority; Robert Silvestri,
16 Dr. Thomas Near; and Chance Carter.

17 Members of the staff are Executive Director
18 Melanie Bachman; siting analyst Ifeanyi Nwankwo;
19 and Administrative Support Lisa Fontaine and
20 Dakota LaFountain.

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

24 This hearing is held pursuant to the
25 provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut General

1 Statutes and of the Uniform Administrative
2 Procedure Act upon an application from Tarpon
3 Towers III, LLC, and Cellco Partnership doing
4 business as Verizon Wireless for a certificate of
5 environmental compatibility and public need for
6 the construction, maintenance and operation of a
7 telecommunications facility and associated
8 equipment located at 1021 through 1041 South Main
9 Street in Cheshire, Connecticut.

10 This application was received by the Council
11 on March 13, 2024. The Council's legal notice of
12 the date and time of this public hearing was
13 published in the Cheshire Herald on April 18,
14 2024.

15 On this Council's request, the Applicant
16 erected signs in the vicinity of the proposed site
17 at the entrance of 1021 through 1041 South Main
18 Street, parking lot on the South Main Street and
19 at near the rear of the property on King Road so
20 as to inform the public of the name of the
21 Applicant, the type of the facility, the public
22 hearing date and contact information for the
23 Council, including the website and telephone
24 number.

25 As a reminder to all, off-the-record

1 communication with a member of the Council or a
2 member of the Council's staff upon the merits of
3 this application is prohibited by law.

4 The parties and intervenors to the proceeding
5 are as follows. The Applicant, Tarpon Towers III,
6 LLC, and Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon
7 Wireless; its representative, Kenneth C. Baldwin,
8 Esquire, of Robinson & Cole, LLP.

9 We will proceed in accordance with the
10 prepared agenda, a copy of which is available on
11 the Council's Docket Number 521 webpage, along
12 with a record of this matter, the public hearing
13 notice, instructions for public access to this
14 public hearing, and the Council's Citizens Guide
15 to Citing Council Procedures.

16 Interested persons may join any session of
17 the public hearing to listen, but no public
18 comments 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 p.m.
21 for the public comment session. Please be advised
22 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 have signed
2 up 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 written statements will be given the same weight
15 as if spoken during the public comment session.

16 A verbatim transcript of this public hearing
17 will be posted on the Council's Docket Number 521
18 webpage and deposited with the Cheshire Town
19 Clerk's office for the convenience of the public.

20 The Council will take a 10 to 15-minute break
21 at a convenient juncture at around 3:30 p.m.

22 We will now move to administrative notices
23 taken by the Council. I wish to call your
24 attention to those items shown on the hearing
25 program marked as Roman numeral 1B, items 1

1 through 83.

2 Do the Applicants have any objection to the
3 items that the Council has administratively
4 noticed?

5 Attorney Baldwin, good afternoon.

6 MR. BALDWIN: Good afternoon, Mr. Morissette.

7 No objection.

8 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Attorney Baldwin.

9 Accordingly, the Council hereby
10 administratively notices these existing documents.
11 We'll next continue with the appearance of the
12 Applicants.

13 Will the Applicants present their witness
14 panel for purposes of taking the oath, and we'll
15 have Attorney Bachman who will administer the
16 oath?

17 Attorney Baldwin?

18 MR. BALDWIN: Thank you, Mr. Morissette.

19 Good afternoon.

20 Our witness panel is listed in the hearing
21 program and consists of the following members,
22 Brett Buggeln, the Chief Operating Officer with
23 Tarpon Towers III; Tim Parks, a real estate and
24 regulatory specialist with Verizon Wireless; Shiva
25 Gadasu, a radiofrequency engineer responsible for

1 this site in Cheshire.

2 To my right is Matt Gustafson, a wetland
3 scientist and professional soil scientist with
4 All-Points Technologies; next to Matt is Bob Burns
5 with All-Points Technologies, the professional
6 engineer responsible for the project design; and
7 then last but not least, Brian Gaudet, the Project
8 Manager with All-Points Technology Corporation.

9 And we present the panel now to be sworn.

10 **THE HEARING OFFICER:** Thank you, Attorney Baldwin.

11 Attorney Bachman, please administer the oath.

12 **MS. BACHMAN:** Thank you, Mr. Morissette.

13 Could the witnesses please raise their right
14 hand?

15 **B R E T T B U G G E L N,**
16 **T I M O T H Y P A R K S,**
17 **S H I V A G A D A S U,**
18 **M A T T H E W G U S T A F S O N,**
19 **R O B E R T B U R N S,**
20 **B R I A N G A U D E T,**

21 called as witnesses, being first duly sworn
22 by **THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**, were examined and
23 testified under oath as follows:

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

1 Attorney Baldwin, please begin by verifying
2 all the exhibits by the appropriate sworn
3 witnesses.

4 **MR. BALDWIN:** Thank you, Mr. Morissette.

5 I think for administrative convenience we'll
6 verify our exhibits as a panel. They're listed in
7 the hearing program under Roman 2, section B,
8 Exhibits 1 through 6; and they include the
9 application with all attachments; several bulk
10 file exhibits listed in the program; our affidavit
11 of publication dated March 27th; our signed
12 posting affidavit; the Applicant's responses to
13 the Council's interrogatories; the signed
14 protective order that the Council granted on June
15 6th; and then more recently, a revised attachment
16 two to the interrogatory responses that was
17 received on June 11th.

18 So I'll ask our panel, did you prepare,
19 assist in the preparation, or supervise in the
20 preparation of the exhibits listed in the hearing
21 program?

22 I'll start at my left. Mr. Parks?

23 **THE WITNESS (Parks):** Yes, I did.

24 **MR. BALDWIN:** Mr. Gadasu?

25 **THE WITNESS (Gadasu):** Yes.

1 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Buggeln?

2 THE WITNESS (Buggeln): Yes.

3 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Gaudet?

4 THE WITNESS (Gaudet): Yes.

5 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Burns?

6 THE WITNESS (Burns): Yes.

7 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Gustafson?

8 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Yes.

9 MR. BALDWIN: Do you have any corrections or

10 modifications, or amendments to those exhibits to

11 offer at this time? Mr. Parks?

12 THE WITNESS (Parks): I do not.

13 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Gadasu?

14 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): No.

15 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Buggeln?

16 THE WITNESS (Buggeln): None.

17 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Gaudet?

18 THE WITNESS (Gaudet): No.

19 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Burns?

20 THE WITNESS (Burns): Yes, I have one correction, the

21 response to interrogatories on question number 21.

22 Since we put the application in, Verizon has

23 revised their antenna specifications to make this

24 a four-sector tower with 16 antennas.

25 So on that question, we responded that it

1 will be a triangular low-profile antenna platform.
2 It should read, square low-profile antenna
3 platform, but I have no further, no further
4 corrections.

5 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Gustafson, any modifications or
6 corrections to offer?

7 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): None.

8 MR. BALDWIN: And with those corrections and
9 modifications, is the information contained in
10 those exhibits true and accurate to the best of
11 your knowledge? Mr. Parks?

12 THE WITNESS (Parks): Yes, it is.

13 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Gadasu?

14 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): Yes.

15 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Buggeln?

16 THE WITNESS (Buggeln): Yes.

17 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Gaudet?

18 THE WITNESS (Gaudet): Yes.

19 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Burns?

20 THE WITNESS (Burns): Yes.

21 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Gustafson?

22 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Yes.

23 MR. BALDWIN: And do you adopt the information
24 contained in those exhibits as your testimony in
25 this proceeding? Mr. Parks?

1 THE WITNESS (Parks): Yes, I do.

2 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Gadasu?

3 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): I do.

4 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Buggeln?

5 THE WITNESS (Buggeln): Yes, I do.

6 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Gaudet?

7 THE WITNESS (Gaudet): Yes.

8 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Burns?

9 THE WITNESS (Burns): Yes.

10 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Gustafson?

11 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Yes.

12 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Morissette, I offer them as full
13 exhibits.

14 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Attorney Baldwin.
15 The exhibits are hereby admitted.
16 We'll now begin with cross-examination of the
17 Applicant by the Council, starting with
18 Mr. Nwankwo. Mr. Nwankwo, good afternoon.

19 MR. NWANKWO: Good afternoon, Mr. Morissette. Thank
20 you.

21 My first question, approximately how many
22 construction vehicles and what type of vehicles
23 will be expected to enter the site during
24 construction?

25 THE WITNESS (Buggeln): Council member, this is Brett

1 Buggeln responding.

2 We anticipate that at any one time, given the
3 heavy nature of the foundation construction, that
4 we would have a drill rig there with several
5 support vehicles throughout the process. Then it
6 would vary in terms of the intensity of the
7 development process at the time. And we
8 anticipate that it would take about six to eight
9 weeks to complete the construction.

10 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you.

11 Any idea where these vehicles will park? I
12 mean, looking at the site plans, could you
13 indicate?

14 THE WITNESS (Buggeln): Well, we -- we anticipate that
15 they would -- we would barricade off the area
16 that's under construction, plus some buffer area
17 for those vehicles. However, in very limited
18 instances, would we have vehicles parked there
19 overnight unattended.

20 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you.

21 I would like to refer to photo 6A of the
22 remote field review, which is attachment five of
23 the response to Council Interrogatory Number 56.

24 My question is, what is the width of the
25 proposed compound access?

1 THE WITNESS (Burns): The existing width of that
2 driveway is -- I don't have the exact number, but
3 it is probably in the neighborhood of 15 to 18
4 feet because they do get tractor trailers around
5 there as well. So they need the room.

6 MR. NWANKWO: And this width will be adequate for the
7 construction vehicles to access for the tower
8 construction?

9 THE WITNESS (Burns): Yes.

10 THE REPORTER: And that is Mr. Burns responding?

11 THE WITNESS (Burns): Yes, I apologize.

12 Robert Burns from All-Points.

13 THE REPORTER: Thank you.

14 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you.

15 Has the Applicant determined the locations
16 for its equipment staging or storage during
17 construction?

18 THE WITNESS (Burns): Once again, Robert Burns with
19 All-Points.

20 The staging and storage would be limited. It
21 isn't a big construction, but it would be in the
22 general vicinity of where the proposed towers go.

23 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you.

24 I'd like to refer to Council Interrogatories
25 Number 2. My question is, what is the distance

1 and direction from the proposed tower site to the
2 property line at 1062 King Road?

3 THE WITNESS (Burns): Once again, Robert Burns with
4 APT.

5 Are you asking for the distance from the
6 compound, or the tower?

7 MR. NWANKWO: From the tower.

8 THE WITNESS (Burns): The tower, which is on the
9 drawings, it's 218 feet.

10 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you.

11 THE WITNESS (Burns): You're welcome.

12 MR. NWANKWO: Also referencing responses to Council
13 Interrogatories Number 17, has Tarpon received any
14 notice from the Town or any other commercial
15 wireless carriers expressing interest in
16 co-locating on the tower? This will be within the
17 timeline of the response to interrogatories and
18 now.

19 THE WITNESS (Buggeln): No. This is Brett Buggeln.

20 No, sir. We have not received any town
21 indicating interest or other municipality, nor any
22 other wireless communication providers.

23 MR. NWANKWO: Also referencing response to Council
24 Interrogatories Number 23, when will the
25 geotechnical investigation be performed, and what

1 type of equipment is necessary?

2 THE WITNESS (Buggeln): Brett Buggeln responding.

3 We would perform that after we have gone
4 through the approval and consideration process by
5 the CSC, and that would include one truck-mounted
6 drill rig that would insert a boring into the
7 ground to check on the composition. It will be a
8 one-day setup.

9 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you.

10 With reference to application attachment nine
11 and the crane test performed on February 2, 2024,
12 how long was the crane up for in terms of hours?

13 THE WITNESS (Gaudet): This is Brian Gaudet with
14 All-Points.

15 I believe the crane was up for about three
16 and a half to four hours.

17 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you.

18 Referencing response number 51 of Council
19 Interrogatories, approximately how many residences
20 located across King Road to the west and to the
21 southwest of the facility would have year-round
22 visibility?

23 THE WITNESS (Gaudet): Brian Gaudet with All-Points.

24 The figures I have for the counts of
25 residences, both parcels and/or structures, we

1 mapped out a half-mile radius. So it might be
2 expanded beyond the immediate King Road vicinity.

3 There are only three parcels that would have
4 year-round views on them -- residential parcels, I
5 should say.

6 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you.

7 Are any state or locally designated scenic
8 roads located in the vicinity of the proposed
9 site?

10 THE WITNESS (Gaudet): This is Brian Gaudet.

11 No, I do not believe so.

12 MR. NWANKWO: Referencing sheet CP1 of application
13 attachment one, what will be the spacing between
14 the bollards?

15 THE WITNESS (Burns): The bollards?

16 MR. NWANKWO: Yes.

17 THE WITNESS (Burns): Robert Burns with All-Points.

18 The bollards will be spaced at five feet on
19 center.

20 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you.

21 Also referencing that same sheet, who would
22 be responsible for the removal and replacement of
23 the existing light pole?

24 THE WITNESS (Burns): Robert Burns with All-Points.

25 The -- the contractor who's building this

1 facility.

2 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you.

3 I would like to refer to attachment one of
4 the application, pages 5 and 6. My question is,
5 does the 3,000 square feet of disturbance, does
6 that include the parking spaces referenced in
7 response number eleven of council interrogatories
8 that will be temporarily inaccessible, and the
9 utility connections?

10 THE WITNESS (Burns): This is Robert Burns with
11 All-Points again.

12 No, that limited disturbance is permanent,
13 permanent disturbance only. It -- it does not
14 include temporary disturbance.

15 MR. NWANKWO: Okay. Would you have an estimate for
16 what would include the temporary disturbances?

17 THE WITNESS (Burns): I'd have to -- I'd have to get
18 back to you on that.

19 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you.

20 THE WITNESS (Burns): I can take that as homework and
21 get it back to you after the break.

22 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you.

23 Also referencing response number eleven to
24 council interrogatories, would any additional
25 parking spaces be temporarily inaccessible during

1 the installation of the underground utility
2 easement, specifically looking at the north, the
3 northern portion of the site?

4 THE WITNESS (Burns): Robert Burns with All-Points.

5 Yes, those spaces to the left or the west of
6 the proposed underground facility would be
7 temporarily impacted, and the people wouldn't be
8 able to park there for a limited period of time.

9 MR. NWANKWO: So that's separate from the ones
10 mentioned --

11 THE WITNESS (Burns): That's correct. Yes, it is.

12 MR. NWANKWO: -- in the app? Okay.

13 THE WITNESS (Burns): Yes.

14 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you.

15 Any idea of the number of spaces that could
16 be affected?

17 THE WITNESS (Burns): I can -- I can get back to you
18 with that, too.

19 MR. NWANKWO: Excellent. Thank you.

20 Also referencing the compound plan on sheet
21 CP1 of attachment one, what is the kVA rating of
22 the proposed transformer?

23 THE WITNESS (Burns): The transformer -- Robert Burns
24 with All-Points.

25 The transformer will be a hundred kVA or

1 larger, depending on what Eversource has
2 available.

3 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you.

4 All right. I'd like to refer to application
5 page 7 and the response to Council Interrogatories
6 Number 31.

7 My question is, would the anticipated down
8 tilt impact all of Cellco's frequency bands at the
9 existing Cheshire, Connecticut facility?

10 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): This is Shiva Gadasu.

11 Yes, that's right. It affects all
12 technologies.

13 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you.

14 Also referencing application page 7 and
15 response to Council Interrogatories Numbers 31 and
16 32, these both discuss the capacity exhaustion at
17 the beta sector of the existing Cheshire,
18 Connecticut facility.

19 My question is, will the replacement or
20 addition of more powerful equipment, or possibly a
21 reconfiguration of the other surrounding sites,
22 will this be able to solve the capacity problems
23 and improve the data speeds delivered to the
24 customer?

25 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): This is Shiva Gadasu.

1 Yes, that is correct.

2 MR. NWANKWO: So would that be an alternative to the
3 proposed site, or is that just a possible
4 solution?

5 MR. BALDWIN: Just for clarification, if we could,
6 Mr. Nwankwo? You were asking -- the second part
7 of your question seemed to be the focus, whether
8 this alternative scenario would replace the need
9 for this facility? Is that --

10 MR. NWANKWO: Yes.

11 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): This is Shiva Gadasu.

12 No, it will not replace the facility. We
13 still need the facility to offload the capacity in
14 the area.

15 MR. NWANKWO: Oh, okay. But would the more powerful
16 equipment help with the capacity exhaustion in
17 Cheshire?

18 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): This is Shiva Gadasu.

19 Yes.

20 MR. NWANKWO: Okay. Thank you.

21 Also, how does the hilly terrain in the
22 surrounding areas impact the wireless service
23 signals from the proposed site?

24 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): Shiva Gadasu again.

25 Can you repeat the question, if you don't

1 mind?

2 MR. NWANKWO: I'll rephrase. How would the hilly
3 terrain in the surrounding area impact wireless
4 service signals from the proposed site?

5 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): Thank you. Shiva Gadasu again.
6 So the RF signals cannot pass through hills.
7 It can pass through, you know, the building
8 structures, but it gets attenuated by the, you
9 know, materials of the building, but not through
10 the hills.

11 MR. NWANKWO: So do you anticipate any hilly terrain
12 within this particular area affecting signals from
13 the proposed site?

14 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): Yes, going -- this is Shiva
15 Gadasu again.

16 So from the proposed site going -- going to
17 the west, it is a hilly terrain. So it doesn't
18 reach much further to the west, but in the other
19 three directions it has a mostly clear line of
20 sight.

21 MR. NWANKWO: Excellent. Thank you.

22 I would like to refer to Council
23 Interrogatory Number 52 -- I'll quote. It says, a
24 unipole design would require a significant
25 increase of the structure height.

1 My question is, what would be the total
2 structure height needed in that situation?

3 THE WITNESS (Buggeln): Councilmember, this is Brett
4 Buggeln answering.

5 Currently we have, as was earlier testified
6 to, a change in how many antennas were being
7 requested. In a unipole situation or unipole
8 structure you have a limitation of how many
9 antennas can be located at each level on that
10 structure. So with the current count that was
11 specified earlier, we would anticipate that that
12 is no fewer than three canisters stacked on each
13 other of ten-foot vertical space.

14 So if we were to start at the current level
15 of the tower and add two to three more canisters
16 of 10 feet, we'd be looking at well over 120 to
17 130 feet tall.

18 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you.

19 THE WITNESS (Buggeln): Councilmember, if I could
20 supplement my answer?

21 Not to mention that with that type of
22 installation, we would severely reduce the amount
23 of opportunity for us to co-locate municipal
24 antennas on the tower, as well as other wireless
25 communications carriers who would have to abide by

1 the same type of antenna layout and structure for
2 those canisters.

3 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you.

4 THE WITNESS (Buggeln): You're welcome.

5 MR. NWANKWO: Could the tower site be relocated to the
6 northeast corner of the property closer to the car
7 dealership?

8 MR. BALDWIN: I'm sorry. Could -- could the tower be
9 relocated?

10 MR. NWANKWO: Yes, could the tower be relocated to the
11 northeast corner of the property near the car
12 dealership?

13 THE WITNESS (Buggeln): Councilmember, we explored
14 several solutions for locating the tower and the
15 facility at this property with -- with this
16 landlord. And given the construction -- or not
17 construction. Excuse me, the delivery traffic,
18 the general customer traffic, et cetera, the
19 location that we chose was the best given those
20 factors and their use of the property.

21 So I would say no, that wouldn't be available
22 to us from the perspective of the overall use and
23 functionality.

24 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you.

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

1 MR. NWANKWO: I would like to refer to the Applicant's
2 response to Council Interrogatory Number 48. My
3 question is, in that situation at what height
4 would Tarpon install the yield point for the
5 proposed tower?

6 THE WITNESS (Burns): This is Robert Burns with
7 All-Points.

8 The -- the nearest property line is 85 feet
9 away, the tower is 94. So -- and some of this
10 would depend on the tower design itself, but it
11 would be a minimum of -- what's that? Nine feet
12 down from the top, nine or ten feet down.

13 If that doesn't make sense from a design
14 standpoint, they may go more than that, but it
15 will still do the same. It will -- it will serve
16 the same purpose.

17 MR. NWANKWO: Okay. Thank you.

18 What frequency would Cellco allocate for its
19 5G service?

20 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): This is Shiva Gadasu.

21 The 3700 megahertz.

22 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you.

23 My final question; I would like to refer to
24 the spill prevention plan as shown in section 3D
25 of attachment four to the responses to council

1 interrogatories.

2 Could the Applicant please elaborate more on
3 the impervious pad with secondary containment for
4 vehicle refueling?

5 **THE WITNESS (Burns):** I don't understand the question.

6 **MR. BALDWIN:** Mr. Nwankwo, could you repeat the
7 question for us, please? You're looking for
8 information on the spill prevention plan?

9 **MR. NWANKWO:** Yes, as shown in section 3D of attachment
10 four of the response to council interrogatories.

11 So my question was, could the Applicant
12 elaborate more on the impervious pad with
13 secondary containment for vehicle refueling?

14 **THE WITNESS (Gustafson):** Matthew Gustafson with
15 All-Points.

16 The proposed plan would be to utilize that,
17 the existing paved surfaces which are considered
18 impervious. If additional containment would be
19 needed, it would be at the specification of the
20 contractor for the means and methods of that
21 approach.

22 **MR. NWANKWO:** So there would be no secondary
23 containment during refueling?

24 **THE WITNESS (Gustafson):** There would be, but the means
25 and methods of that would be determined by the

1 contractor.

2 MR. NWANKWO: Oh, okay. Any idea on the capacity of
3 that containment vessel?

4 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Again, Matthew Gustafson.

5 I do not have an answer to that question at
6 this time.

7 MR. NWANKWO: Thank you.

8 MR. BALDWIN: Why don't we take that as another
9 homework assignment, Mr. Nwankwo? We'll try and
10 get your response to that question after the
11 break.

12 MR. NWANKWO: Absolutely. Thank you, Attorney Baldwin.

13 Thank you, Mr. Silvestri. That would be all
14 my questions. Thank you, sir.

15 MR. SILVESTRI: Thank you, Mr. Nwankwo.

16 Good afternoon, everyone. This is Robert
17 Silvestri. I'll be presiding over the balance of
18 today's hearing.

19 Mr. Burns, from what I just picked up, you
20 have two homework assignments to get back to
21 Mr. Nwankwo. One of them is the disturbance
22 question and the other one was the number of
23 spaces affected. And we just mentioned the
24 containment size for whoever's going to pick that
25 one up. Thank you.

1 THE WITNESS (Burns): Mr. Silvestri, I apologize for
2 interrupting, but I have answers to my questions
3 already -- if you'd like me to? We will need --

4 MR. SILVESTRI: I'd love it.

5 THE WITNESS (Burns): -- thirteen additional spaces
6 while the trench is being installed. And it comes
7 out of the -- with the temp, the temporary
8 disturbance is approximately 8,000 square feet.

9 MR. SILVESTRI: That was 8,000. Correct?

10 THE WITNESS (Burns): Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

11 MR. SILVESTRI: Okay. Mr. Nwankwo, does that satisfy
12 your questions?

13 MR. NWANKWO: Yes, thank you.

14 MR. SILVESTRI: Very good. Thank you, Mr. Burns. So
15 we just need the containment size later on today.
16 Thank you.

17 I'd like to continue cross-examination by
18 Mr. Golembiewski at this time, followed by
19 Mr. Carter. Good afternoon, Mr. Golembiewski.

20 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Good afternoon, Mr. Silvestri, and
21 good afternoon, all.

22 I guess I will start my questioning with a
23 basic trying to understand how -- so I'm looking
24 at need first. So as I understand it, the need
25 here, or in this vicinity in Southeast Cheshire

1 has been explained to me -- or explained through
2 interrogatories that it is based on a minimum of
3 five megabits per second for, I believe that would
4 be data through -- through, I guess, the users in
5 the area.

6 So I was wondering if someone could explain
7 to me first, why do we need this facility?

8 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): This is Shiva Gadasu.

9 So as -- as stated in the response to
10 question 89 of the interrogatories, so -- so we,
11 as Verizon, you know, call the reliable service to
12 be at five megabits per second on data speeds to
13 be available to the customers.

14 And you know, based -- and the current area
15 is being served by Cheshire city beta sector only.
16 Just one sector of the -- of the site is being
17 served by the entire area due to its elevation and
18 clear line of sight.

19 And you know, due to all the pre -- what do
20 you call? The license available for Verizon, we
21 can only, you know, we can only handle X number of
22 customers for any given time. But you know, given
23 the number, the more number of customers in the
24 area, we need more capacity being offloaded to --
25 to the site on that particular sector, hence we

1 are proposing the new facility.

2 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. And then, so then you have
3 this one sector that is, I guess if you want to
4 say it, exceeding, exceeding data usage to the
5 point where you have speeds that are unacceptable.
6 So then you are putting this tower in this area of
7 need.

8 And then you can then off -- down tilt, I
9 guess, the antennas in that sector that would be
10 extending to this area from the current Cheshire
11 facility, and that's how.

12 That's how they would interface?

13 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): This is Shiva Gadasu again.

14 Yes, we will. We will down tilt once this --
15 once the new site goes on air. We will down tilt
16 the Cheshire city beta sector not -- not to
17 transmit, you know, considerable RF to -- to the
18 area so that, you know, the new -- the new site,
19 which is a four-sector design.

20 Instead of one sector being serving the area,
21 now it's -- now it is being handled by four
22 sectors of the new downtown site. And you know,
23 it will help offload the facility.

24 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. And -- but that will cover,
25 not only data, but that would cover voice and all,

1 all your services in that area at all frequencies?

2 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): Shiva Gadasu again.

3 Yes, that is right.

4 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. All right. And then so
5 explain to me how the 90-foot, the need for 90
6 feet fits in. Is that what you need for height to
7 effectively interface with the Cheshire facility,
8 the current Cheshire facility?

9 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): This is Shiva Gadasu.

10 Yes, we determine the height based on a clear
11 line of sight from the antennas to the surrounding
12 areas. So going back to our responses, you know,
13 it -- it is. The RF is affected by terrain and
14 the building materials and the trees and
15 everything.

16 So we -- we look for a clear line of sight to
17 have minimal impact to the radiation to be
18 available to the -- to the customers. So if any
19 lower we go, you know, it is impacted by the
20 trees, so hence we requested for 90 feet to have
21 clear line of sight.

22 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. All right. I think I
23 understand that.

24 So then my question then goes to
25 alternatives. And I guess one is, did you look at

1 any type of tower that could be put on the
2 building, any architectural -- if you want to say
3 it's stealth design that could be placed on the
4 building at the site?

5 THE WITNESS (Buggeln): Commissioner, this is Brett
6 Buggeln.

7 In looking at the rooftops in the area in the
8 search area that was defined to us, there are no
9 site -- no existing buildings that are over 20 to
10 25 feet tall in terms of their main story, or even
11 a second story.

12 So to make up that distance in terms of the
13 antenna center line that's being requested, that
14 would be difficult from a structural perspective
15 and from a camouflage perspective to present a
16 solution that would be even remote to being
17 consistent with the rest of the area in the search
18 ring stretching up and down Main Street there.

19 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay.

20 THE WITNESS (Buggeln): So the answer is no, we did not
21 have -- we did not investigate that because they
22 were impractical.

23 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. I know that the northeast
24 corner of the current host site, a question was
25 asked, and whether a tower could be located there

1 and that the answer was no, but how about just if
2 I would just say a larger area east of the Big Y
3 plaza building?

4 I know it appears there's, like, a Dunkin
5 Donuts and some other building -- that's somewhere
6 east of the building just so that the tower would
7 be surrounded by commercial uses and not right up
8 against the road where there's residential uses.

9 THE WITNESS (Buggeln): Yes. Brett -- this is Brett
10 Buggeln, Commissioner.

11 We -- we did, as I -- as was mentioned, or
12 testified to earlier, we did explore as many
13 different locations as we could with the -- the
14 landlord. Also -- and we arrived at this location
15 as the most feasible given the activities at the
16 site.

17 I actually spent an afternoon in the parking
18 lot in the front there with the same question that
19 you had -- or wanted to confirm my observations to
20 your point. And that parking lot is busy with
21 vehicles visiting the Big Y, the Dunkin Donuts, et
22 cetera, all day long -- or at least during the
23 time I was there.

24 So from a perspective of affecting, there's
25 always an issue of safety and otherwise with that,

1 kind of, the size of that parking lot and the
2 amount of vehicle traffic there. So the rear of
3 the building was both a preference from our
4 perspective and from the landlord's perspective,
5 given the acknowledgement that in doing so we were
6 moving closer to some residential uses, but we
7 were trying to balance out with both their desires
8 and the characteristics of the area of that
9 particular parking lot where we could put the
10 facility.

11 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. I guess staying with the
12 tower and at the host property, what about -- I
13 think I read that there was -- they discussed some
14 note of a monopine configuration, but that that
15 cost was three times, I believe, a normal tower.

16 But it does appear in this instance at that
17 height that the monopine stealth could be utilized
18 in this situation just because it's, I think, 94
19 feet. I don't know if it would need to be a
20 little taller if it was a monopine -- but usually
21 we're in the 150-foot range, which doesn't lend
22 well. And then looking at some of the site photos
23 it does appear that there are -- there is a
24 wooded, if you want to call it, a wooded area
25 there and there are some intermixed evergreens in

1 there of some significant height.

2 Can a monopine be built in the location of
3 the current monopole?

4 **THE WITNESS (Gaudet):** It's Brian Gaudet.

5 I'll speak to the visibility aspect of it and
6 then I'll -- I'll kick it over to Mr. Buggeln for
7 his comments on the design, sort of, impact of the
8 cost and the maintenance of the facility itself.

9 To your point Mr. Golembiewski, there are
10 some fairly tall conifers in the area. It -- it
11 would lend itself to providing some mitigation to
12 the visual impact with the low height being at 94
13 feet. You could anticipate some additional
14 height, not necessarily for the tower itself, but
15 for branching to make it blend in a little bit
16 more.

17 You know, I think one of the concerns with
18 monopines typically, to your point, is the
19 elevation above the tree line. So you don't
20 really have that here with the low, the relatively
21 low height of this tower as proposed. I will say
22 that monopines do need to be done right and
23 designed appropriately so that they do look like a
24 pine tree and not just a couple branches off of a
25 tall metal tower.

1 So I think that you could design a monopine
2 from a visual aspect here that would help blend in
3 certainly to some of those areas, you know,
4 particularly north and south and even the
5 neighborhoods to the west. I think, you know,
6 where -- where the facility is going to be the
7 most prominent in view is pulling into that
8 parking lot from South Main Street or, say, across
9 the street pulling out of another parking lot
10 where you're looking straight at the facility.

11 And it, you know, a monopine will certainly
12 look more visible in that instance, but you can't
13 really hide that tower from that location just --
14 just with the viewing perspective of going
15 straight into that parking lot.

16 **THE WITNESS (Buggeln):** Commissioner, this is Brett
17 Buggeln.

18 And I would just add to Mr. Gaudet's
19 statements in line with some more practical
20 considerations. Number one is, as we pointed out,
21 the cost of such a structure is in order of
22 magnitude at three times that of a monopole that
23 could be painted or otherwise to sort of mitigate
24 some of the visual effects of it.

25 Number two is we would certainly have some

1 reduction in co-location opportunity. A monopine
2 is notoriously difficult to extend, and one of the
3 questions in the interrogatories was our
4 provision -- our making a provision for extension
5 of -- of the facility itself which would become
6 more difficult to do with having a monopine of a
7 design that actually looks more like a natural
8 tree, which I think leads me to my third point
9 which is it's -- I think you'd be hard pressed to
10 find a monopine that looks like an actual tree.

11 Obviously, you can increase the density of
12 the branches and the like, but the maintenance and
13 preservation of that appearance becomes a battle,
14 somewhat of a losing battle in terms of keeping it
15 the way it is when you have multiple maintenance
16 visits or otherwise that would -- might affect the
17 antennas and such.

18 These are typically somewhat finicky
19 structures in terms of making sure the branches
20 continue to -- to fill the gaps and to obstruct
21 the antennas and the pole itself, as -- as I think
22 your -- your question or your comment intends.

23 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. I think color was mentioned.

24 Is there any advantage in somehow, you know, some
25 type of stealth color for this tower in this case?

1 THE WITNESS (Gaudet): Yes, Brian Gaudet.

2 I think that would -- as far as the visual
3 mitigation, I think painting the top portion of
4 that tower -- I guess you could. You could
5 potentially do a two-toned paint if you were
6 concerned about the views from the front of the
7 shopping center where you have the backdrop of
8 trees.

9 But particularly to the residential
10 properties to the west, maybe some to the north
11 and south along King Road, painting the top of the
12 tower, you know, I think as we've mentioned in
13 past dockets, kind of a sky blue, something other
14 than -- than the galvanized steel would provide
15 some, some visual mitigation there.

16 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. I had a question on the tower
17 yield point. I know it was discussed that the
18 yield point would be designed for to stay within
19 the property, but in this case, you know, you're
20 going to have a building closer than that, and
21 then you're likely going to have parked vehicles
22 even closer than that.

23 Is there some standard or some, you know, SOP
24 for yield points? Do you, you know, yes, that you
25 keep in the -- keep it on the host property, but

1 if you, you know, there's a building closer than
2 that or there would be public vehicles parked
3 nearby often, would it make sense to have a yield
4 point so that it sort of just folded over on
5 itself?

6 THE WITNESS (Burns): This is Robert Burns from
7 All-Points.

8 A couple of things to note. The nearest
9 property line is 85 feet away from the tower. The
10 closest point of the building is 101 feet away
11 from the tower.

12 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Oh. Oh, okay. For whatever reason,
13 I thought it was closer. Okay.

14 So the building is fine.

15 THE WITNESS (Burns): So that's specifically number
16 one. The second part is about the vehicles.
17 There's a number of sites that we've done,
18 designed/permitted, that have vehicles literally
19 parking right against the compound.

20 So typically, the yield point doesn't take
21 that into consideration. It's -- it's usually
22 property line driven or structure driven.

23 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. All right.

24 THE WITNESS (Buggeln): Commissioner, this is Brett
25 Buggeln.

1 You know, typically in these types of
2 situations, as mentioned, with the distances we
3 have to the property line and the building, that
4 yield point can be very short in terms of its
5 vertical distance from the top of the tower, but
6 we as -- as our company, Tarpon Towers, we would
7 typically exceed that in terms of a 50 percent
8 yield point, or something similar in that ballpark
9 just out of a factor of safety and a factor of
10 consideration for some of the points that you
11 brought up earlier with regard to your question.

12 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. My last question is, as I
13 read the interrogatories there is -- I believe
14 it's a diesel backup generator.

15 THE WITNESS (Burns): That's correct. Robert Burns
16 from All-Points. That's correct.

17 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: And I know, you know, there are
18 residential properties across the road there. Are
19 we -- or is the noise generated by that, would
20 that meet the DEEP noise regulation standards for
21 a residential property receptor?

22 THE WITNESS (Burns): Robert Burns with All-Points.

23 Yes, the noise at the residential property
24 line across the street will meet the standard for
25 the generator noise.

1 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. That's -- Mr. Silvestri, I am
2 all set. Thank you, panel.

3 MR. SILVESTRI: Very good, and thank you.

4 Just before we move on just to check with the
5 panel, any resolution yet on the question about
6 containment size?

7 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): I think I can provide some
8 general response to that. It is anticipated that
9 a majority of the refueling activities would occur
10 off site. However, if refueling is needed on
11 site, the sizing of the containment vessel would
12 be sufficient to contain the full volume of the
13 refueling.

14 MR. SILVESTRI: Very good. I believe, Mr. Nwankwo,
15 that was your question. And does that satisfy
16 your question?

17 MR. NWANKWO: Yes, that is fine. Thank you.

18 MR. SILVESTRI: Very good. Thank you, Mr. Nwankwo.
19 Thank you, panel.

20 I'd like to continue cross-examination at
21 this point with Mr. Carter. Good afternoon,
22 Mr. Carter.

23 MR. CARTER: Good afternoon. I won't be taking up much
24 time because luckily, staff and my fellow
25 councilmember have asked the questions that I

1 really want to get to, mainly around the potential
2 for painting the pole to help alleviate with some
3 of the concerns around the visibility of said
4 pole. But I have been delightfully surprised to
5 get a wonderful answer from the panel. So thank
6 you.

7 And with that, I will pass my time along.

8 MR. SILVESTRI: Very good. Thank you, Mr. Carter.

9 I'm up next. And Mr. Burns, I'd like to
10 start with you right off the bat.

11 THE WITNESS (Burns): Yes, sir?

12 MR. SILVESTRI: Just in the very beginning when you had
13 some additions or corrections to the documents
14 that were submitted, you mentioned the four-sector
15 tower. It would be square, as opposed to being
16 triangular.

17 What was the rationale for making that
18 change?

19 MR. BALDWIN: Well, I think it's more of an RF issue,
20 Mr. Silvestri. So we'll ask Mr. Gadasu to respond
21 to that question, if we could?

22 MR. SILVESTRI: That's fine. Thank you.

23 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): This is Shiva Gadasu.

24 So the design has been updated to -- to be a
25 four-sector design instead of a three-sector

1 design, which was originally proposed, hence, you
2 know, the mounting is updated to a square
3 platform.

4 MR. SILVESTRI: So does that tend to get to more areas,
5 if you will?

6 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): Yeah. This is Shiva Gadasu
7 again.

8 Yes. So now the four-sector design is -- is
9 updated to be, you know, 90 degrees apart. The
10 sectors are 90 degrees apart to cover 360 degrees
11 from the proposed facility.

12 MR. SILVESTRI: No, understood. So let's take that a
13 step further. If you look at the plot coverage
14 maps that you have, and we'll just pick 700
15 megahertz as an example, how would that change
16 anything for the existing and proposed Verizon
17 Wireless 700 megahertz coverage map that we see?

18 Or would it change anything?

19 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): Yes, this is Shiva Gadasu again.

20 So as -- as stated previously, we will -- we
21 will down tilt the beta sector of the Cheshire
22 city facility to -- to accommodate Cheshire
23 downtown, the new Cheshire downtown facility to --
24 to take the traffic in the area. Hence, the
25 fourth sector was proposed to the west to us,

1 Cheshire city beta to offload the traffic.

2 MR. SILVESTRI: So it would be more of a traffic issue
3 rather than an in-building issue.

4 Would that be correct?

5 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): This is Shiva Gadasu again.

6 A combination of both. So once we down tilt
7 the beta sector, you know, the plots you see, you
8 know, it will be much -- that it is -- the
9 coverage has more strength close to the -- close
10 to the Cheshire city than moving away in the east.

11 MR. SILVESTRI: Got it. Understood. Okay. Thank you.

12 Stay with those maps for a second, those
13 plots. And this might be self explanatory, but
14 I'm going to ask it anyhow. On the 700 megahertz,
15 if you look at the vehicle, the proposed vehicle
16 on the existing versus the proposed, the proposed
17 seems to have less coverage in vehicle in the
18 Route 42 area.

19 I don't know if that's correct or not, or if
20 it's just superseded by other types of coverages,
21 but the yellow tends to disappear a little bit --
22 or I should say, it grows a little bit.

23 Could you explain that?

24 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): This is Shiva Gadasu.

25 Yeah, it -- it is superseded by the Cheshire

1 downtown facility. So along Route 42, you can
2 see, yeah, that there is a significant change in
3 blue neg-85 in building, but neg-95 to -- to the
4 north of Route 42 there, there is a slight
5 increase in neg-95 compared to neg-85 on the
6 proposed. It is because of the overlapping
7 coverage.

8 MR. SILVESTRI: So with that, the outdoor, which I
9 guess is represented in yellow, that seems to be
10 increased in color, which to me would be -- less
11 coverage or more coverage? I'm not sure. And
12 that's right near the Hamden border, near Route
13 10.

14 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): This is Shiva Gadasu again.

15 Yes, that's -- that's right. That there
16 is -- I think it's because of terrain.

17 MR. SILVESTRI: So to clarify, does the existing and
18 proposed plot map for outdoor, does it get better
19 or worse with this installation?

20 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): In -- in some areas. This is
21 Shiva Gadasu again.

22 In some areas it -- it might, it might get
23 better or worse, but based -- based on the plots
24 the border towards Hamden west of Route 10, it --
25 it does get worse on outdoor coverage.

1 But again, all this -- all this will be done
2 based -- based on real real-time testing once
3 this, once the facility goes on air, you know,
4 depending on how, how much down tilt that -- how
5 much down tilt is needed on the Cheshire beta's,
6 the beta sector and what -- what down tilts we
7 need to use on the Cheshire, the proposed downtown
8 facility to -- to maintain the service in the
9 area.

10 MR. SILVESTRI: So that might be a tuning issue, if you
11 will, between Hamden North 2 and Cheshire
12 downtown?

13 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): Shiva Gadasu again.

14 That is correct.

15 MR. SILVESTRI: Very good. Thank you.

16 One other question I have regarding the plot
17 maps; Hamden North 2, is that located on an
18 Eversource transmission tower?

19 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Silvestri, not to disrupt your flow,
20 but perhaps we could take that as a quick homework
21 assignment and answer some of your other questions
22 in the interim?

23 MR. SILVESTRI: Okay. I don't have many more. So --
24 all right. Let me push these to the side for the
25 time being.

1 All right. Let's look at photographs. And I
2 guess, Mr. Gaudet, this might be for you. Looking
3 at photos 13 and 14, who does the fence belong to
4 in those photos?

5 THE WITNESS (Gaudet): This is Brian Gaudet.

6 I don't know offhand, but I believe it's on
7 the -- the host property. So my assumption would
8 be the property manager developer installed that
9 fence line there.

10 MR. SILVESTRI: So this would be across the street, if
11 you will, from 1053 King Road?

12 THE WITNESS (Gaudet): Yes -- yes, yeah.

13 MR. SILVESTRI: Okay.

14 THE WITNESS (Gaudet): It -- it goes the extent of the
15 property line there that borders King Road.

16 MR. SILVESTRI: Thank you.

17 Then for clarification, are we looking at two
18 additional carriers for this proposed tower?

19 THE WITNESS (Burns): Robert Burns with All-Points.

20 This proposal is going in as a three-carrier
21 pole as it currently --

22 MR. SILVESTRI: Right. Yeah, so two additional.

23 THE WITNESS (Burns): Yes, sir.

24 MR. SILVESTRI: Okay. Thank you.

25 And a question was asked about possibly

1 shifting the compound further north. I want to
2 ask the reverse. Was there any thoughts on
3 shifting the compound further south?

4 **THE WITNESS (Buggeln):** Yes. Commissioner, this is
5 Brett Buggeln answering.

6 You can see that to that, towards that
7 direction the tractor trailers need to start to
8 get around the other side of that, of the
9 building -- which as indicated, I think testified
10 earlier during the call, the -- the actual
11 entrance to the back of the building, that
12 driveway is anywhere from 15 to 17 feet wide. And
13 that extent is the same, I believe, on that side
14 of the building where you're referring to.

15 So to get a truck of that size delivering to
16 the Big Y or otherwise, to start to be able to
17 line up to make that turn, the facility, if it was
18 situated in that direction, any farther would
19 start to get in the way of that radius needed, or
20 that partial radius needed to start to come in and
21 get past the building.

22 **MR. SILVESTRI:** Understood, no.

23 Thank you for your response.

24 **THE WITNESS (Buggeln):** Thank you, sir.

25 **MR. SILVESTRI:** And it was asked earlier about possibly

1 shifting the whole array around the Dunkin Donuts
2 area. And I heard the response on that one, but I
3 want to follow through.

4 Was there any consideration given to going
5 further east of South Main Street to have a tower
6 installation either just to the north of the
7 Cheshire Spirit House or down Rabideau Circle
8 around the area of Advance Auto Parts, or behind
9 there where they have some vehicles parked?

10 Was there any consideration to that basic
11 square as far as siting a cell tower?

12 THE WITNESS (Buggeln): Commissioner, this is Brett
13 Buggeln.

14 I think you'll find that, obviously, the
15 limited commercial uses in this area and the size
16 of the properties that those commercial uses are
17 located on present challenges from the perspective
18 of parking and overall space availability, as well
19 as accessibility by customers and -- and patrons
20 of those businesses.

21 Some of the businesses made us aware that
22 they were uninterested in a site to begin and a
23 hosting a facility, and others were discounted
24 because of some of those reasons, leading us to
25 where we are on this particular property.

1 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): If I may provide a
2 supplement? This is Matt Gustafson.

3 As you move to the east of the main road, you
4 also are moving closer to the nearest wetland
5 resource, which is currently located about 770
6 feet from the proposed facility. Any of those
7 locations, as you suggest, would start moving it
8 within, you know, a hundred feet or less of the
9 wetland resource.

10 MR. SILVESTRI: That resource, Mr. Gustafson, would be
11 Mill River. Correct?

12 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): That is correct, sir.

13 MR. SILVESTRI: Yeah, okay. Thank you.

14 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Silvestri, if we could? We've got an
15 answer for you on the Hamden North 2 site.

16 MR. SILVESTRI: Your timing is great. Go ahead.

17 THE WITNESS (Gadasu): This is Shiva Gadasu.

18 No, it is not located on a transmission
19 tower. There is a monopole located right north of
20 the transmission lines. The address of the
21 facility is 150 Willow Street, Hamden.

22 MR. SILVESTRI: Okay. Because I know there's one
23 that's on the Eversource transmission tower.
24 That's why I wasn't sure if that was, quote,
25 unquote, yours or not.

1 Well, I have to look for that next time I'm
2 on Route 10. Thank you.

3 **THE WITNESS (Gadasu):** You're welcome.

4 **MR. SILVESTRI:** Now let's see. We did answer the
5 questions I had on the yield point for directions
6 both west and east. We have answers to
7 containment, disturbance, and spaces affected.

8 And actually, I don't have any additional
9 questions, but at times when we do have questions
10 and answers it kind of spurs additional questions.
11 So I'm going to go back to our councilmembers and
12 staff and see if they have anything else to add at
13 this point, and I'd like to start with
14 Mr. Nwankwo.

15 Any additional questions?

16 **MR. NWANKWO:** Thank you, Mr. Silvestri.

17 No, I don't have any additional questions.

18 Thank you.

19 **MR. SILVESTRI:** Very good. Thank you.

20 Mr. Golembiewski, any additional questions?

21 **MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI:** (Shaking head in the negative.)

22 **MR. SILVESTRI:** And I see him shaking his head because
23 the audio is not quite working. So thank you.

24 Thank you, Mr. Golembiewski.

25 Mr. Carter, any follow-up questions?

1 MR. CARTER: No, thank you.

2 MR. SILVESTRI: Very good.

3 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Now I got it.

4 MR. SILVESTRI: You got it.

5 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: No questions. No questions.

6 Thank you.

7 MR. SILVESTRI: All right. Thank you.

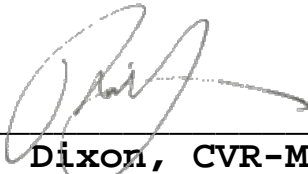
8 I have no additional questions at this point.
9 So I will say that the Council will recess until
10 6:30pm, at which time we will commence the public
11 comment session of this public hearing.

12 And I thank our councilmembers and staff, and
13 I thank our panel for the answers, and we'll see
14 you at 6:30. Thank you.

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing 53 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. 521, APPLICATION FROM TARPON TOWERS III, LLC, AND CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT 1021-1041 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT, which was held before JOHN MORISSETTE, Member and Presiding Officer, on June 13, 2024.



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