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Docket No. 535

Application from The Towers, LLC, for a  
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and  
Public Need for the Construction, Maintenance, and  
Operation of a Telecommunications Facility Located  
at 835 Norwich Worcester Turnpike (Route 169),  
Woodstock, Connecticut.

(Cont'd) Zoom Remote Council Meeting  
(Teleconference), on Tuesday, September 9, 2025,  
beginning at 2 p.m.

H e l d   B e f o r e :

JOHN MORISSETTE, THE VICE CHAIR

1   **A p p e a r a n c e s :**

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12           **KHRISTINE HALL**

13           **DANIEL P. LYNCH, JR.**

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1 (Begin: 2:00 p.m.)

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3 THE VICE CHAIR: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen.  
4 Can everybody hear me okay?

5 Very good, thank you. This continued  
6 evidentiary hearing session is called to order  
7 this Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 2 p.m. My  
8 name is John Morissette, Vice Chair of the  
9 Connecticut Siting Council.

10 If you haven't done so already, I ask that  
11 everyone please mute their computer audio and  
12 telephones now. A copy of the prepared agenda is  
13 available on the Council's website along with a  
14 record of this matter, the public hearing notice,  
15 instructions for public access to this public  
16 hearing, and the Council's citizens' guide to  
17 Siting Council's procedures.

18 Other members of the Council are  
19 Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Carter,  
20 Ms. Hall, Mr. Syme, and Mr. Lynch. Members of the  
21 staff are Executive Director Melanie Bachman,  
22 Siting Analyst Adam Morrone, and Administrative  
23 Support Lisa Fontaine.

24 This evidentiary session is a continuation of  
25 the public hearing held on July 31, 2025. It is

1 held pursuant to the provisions of Title 16 of the  
2 Connecticut General Statutes and of the Uniform  
3 Administrative Procedure Act upon the application  
4 from the Towers, LLC, for a certificate of  
5 environmental compatibility and public need for  
6 the construction, maintenance, and operation of a  
7 telecommunications facility located at 835 Norwich  
8 Worcester Turnpike, also known as Route 169, in  
9 Woodstock, Connecticut.

10 A verbatim transcript will be made of this  
11 hearing and deposited with the Woodstock Town  
12 Clerk's office for the convenience of the public.

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

15 We have one motion on the agenda, the motion  
16 of Intervenor Paska Nayden's motion to continue,  
17 slash, reset hearing date, received on September  
18 4, 2025. Attorney Bachman may wish to comment.

19 Attorney Bachman, good afternoon.

20 **ATTORNEY BACHMAN:** Good afternoon, Vice Chair

21 Morissette, and thank you.

22 On July 31st, Paska Nayden requested  
23 intervenor status. During the July 31st public  
24 hearing, the Council granted Paska Nayden  
25 intervenor status and she actively participated in

1 the hearing, including cross-examination of the  
2 Applicant on the exhibits in the record.

3 At the conclusion of the July 31st hearing  
4 session, the Council announced and issued a  
5 continued evidentiary hearing memorandum with a  
6 revised schedule for the proceeding that included  
7 deadlines for the submission of interrogatories,  
8 responses to interrogatories, and additional  
9 pre-filed testimony, as well as the date and time  
10 of this continued evidentiary hearing session.

11 In compliance with the Council's revised  
12 schedule, Ms. Nayden submitted interrogatories to  
13 the Applicant on August 26th. The Applicant  
14 responded to the interrogatories on September 2nd.

15 On September 4th, Ms. Nayden submitted a  
16 motion to continue or reset the hearing date for  
17 additional discovery and submission of exhibits.  
18 On September 8, the Applicant objected to  
19 Ms. Nayden's motion as they had responded to the  
20 interrogatories on September 2nd, pursuant to the  
21 Council's revised schedule.

22 Therefore, staff recommends Ms. Nayden's  
23 motion be denied.

24 Thank you.

25 **THE VICE CHAIR:** Thank you, Attorney Bachman.

1           Is there a motion?

2   MS. HALL:   I'll make a motion to deny the motion of  
3           Intervener to change the schedule.

4   MR. LYNCH:   I'll second.

5   THE VICE CHAIR:  Thank you, Ms. Hall.  Thank you,  
6           Mr. Lynch.

7           We have a motion by Ms. Hall to deny the  
8           motion to continue and reset hearing date,  
9           received by the Council on September 4, 2025, and  
10          we have a second by Mr. Lynch.  We will now move  
11          to discussion.

12          Mr. Golembiewski, any discussion?

13   MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI:  I have no discussion.  Thank you.

14   THE VICE CHAIR:  Thank you.

15          Mr. Nguyen, any discussion?

16   MR. NGUYEN:   Good afternoon.

17   THE VICE CHAIR:  Good afternoon.

18   MR. NGUYEN:   I have no discussion.  Thank you.

19   THE VICE CHAIR:  Thank you.

20          Mr. Carter, good afternoon.  Any discussion?

21   MR. CARTER:   Good afternoon, Mr. Vice Chair.

22          I have no discussion.  Thank you.

23   THE VICE CHAIR:  Thank you.

24          Ms. Hall, good afternoon, by the way.

25          Any discussion?

1 MS. HALL: Good afternoon. No discussion. Thank you.

2 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

3 I see Mr. Syme has not joined us.

4 Mr. Lynch, good afternoon. Any discussion?

5 MR. LYNCH: I have no discussion.

6 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you. And I have no discussion.

7 We'll now move to the vote.

8 Mr. Golembiewski, how do you vote?

9 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: I vote to approve the motion to  
10 deny. Thank you.

11 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Golembiewski.

12 Mr. Nguyen?

13 MR. NGUYEN: I vote to approve the motion. Thank you.

14 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

15 Mr. Carter?

16 MR. CARTER: I vote in favor of the motion to deny.

17 Thank you.

18 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

19 Ms. Hall?

20 MS. HALL: I vote to approve the motion to deny.

21 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

22 Mr. Lynch?

23 MR. LYNCH: I vote to deny the motion.

24 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you. And I vote to approve the  
25 motion to deny.

1           We have six for denial. The motion is  
2 approved. The motion to continue, slash, reset  
3 hearing date is denied. We'll now continue with  
4 the appearance by the Applicant.

5           In accordance with the Council's July 31st,  
6 2025, continued evidentiary hearing memo, we will  
7 continue with the appearance of the Applicant, the  
8 Towers, LLC, to verify the new exhibits marked as  
9 Roman numeral two, items B6 and '7 on the hearing  
10 program.

11           Attorney Schaefer, please begin by  
12 identifying the new exhibits you have filed in  
13 this matter and verifying the exhibits by the  
14 appropriate witness.

15           And good afternoon, panel.

16 **ATTORNEY BALDWIN:** Good afternoon, Vice Chair

17 Morissette. This is Kenneth Baldwin with Robinson  
18 & Cole, stepping in for John Schaefer this  
19 afternoon on behalf of the Towers, LLC.

20           As stated by the Vice Chair, there are two  
21 additional exhibits that have been submitted since  
22 the July 31st hearing. They include the  
23 supplemental response to the Council's  
24 interrogatory number 54, dated September 2, 2025;  
25 and then the Applicant's responses to the

1           Intervenor's interrogatories, also dated September  
2           2, 2025. And I offer them now for identification  
3           purposes subject to verification.

4   **THE VICE CHAIR:** Thank you, Attorney Baldwin, and good  
5           afternoon.

6   **B R I A N       P A U L,**

7   **K I P       D I V I T O,**

8   **E L I Z A B E T H     G L I D D E N,**

9   **J A S O N       M A R G E L O T,**

10   **M A T T H E W     G U S T A F S O N,**

11   **R I C K       L A N D I N O,**

12           recalled as witnesses, having been previously  
13           duly sworn, were examined and testified under  
14           oath as follows:

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16   **ATTORNEY BALDWIN:** Mr. Vice Chair, we could proceed  
17           with verification. If I could ask my Witnesses to  
18           respond to the following questions?

19           Did you prepare or assist in the preparation  
20           of the additional exhibits listed in the hearing  
21           program under Roman -- or subsection 2B, items six  
22           and seven? Ms. Glidden?

23   **THE WITNESS (Glidden):** Yes.

24   **ATTORNEY BALDWIN:** Mr. DiVito?

25   **THE WITNESS (DiVito):** Yes.

1 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Mr. Paul?

2 THE WITNESS (Paul): Yes.

3 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Mr. Gustafson?

4 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Yes.

5 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Mr. Landino?

6 THE WITNESS (Landino): Yes.

7 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Mr. Margelot?

8 THE WITNESS (Margelot): Yes.

9 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: And do you have any corrections,  
10 modifications, or clarifications to offer to any  
11 of the information contained in those exhibits?

12 Ms. Glidden?

13 THE WITNESS (Glidden): I do not.

14 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Mr. DiVito?

15 THE WITNESS (DiVito): No.

16 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Mr. Paul?

17 THE WITNESS (Paul): No.

18 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Mr. Gustafson?

19 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): No.

20 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Mr. Margelot?

21 THE WITNESS (Margelot): No.

22 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Mr. Landino?

23 THE WITNESS (Landino): No.

24 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: And is the information contained in  
25 those exhibits true and accurate to the best of

1           your knowledge? Ms. Glidden?

2   THE WITNESS (Glidden): Yes.

3   ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Mr. DiVito?

4   THE WITNESS (DiVito): Yes.

5   ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Mr. Paul?

6   THE WITNESS (Paul): Yes.

7   ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Mr. Gustafson?

8   THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Yes.

9   ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Mr. Landino?

10   THE WITNESS (Landino): Yes.

11   ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Mr. Margelot?

12   THE WITNESS (Margelot): Yes.

13   ATTORNEY BALDWIN: And do you adopt the information

14           contained in those exhibits as your testimony in

15           this proceeding? Ms. Glidden?

16   THE WITNESS (Glidden): I do.

17   ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Mr. DiVito?

18   THE WITNESS (DiVito): Yes.

19   ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Mr. Paul?

20   THE WITNESS (Paul): Yes.

21   ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Mr. Gustafson?

22   THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Yes.

23   ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Mr. Landino?

24   THE WITNESS (Landino): Yes.

25   ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Mr. Margelot?

1 THE WITNESS (Margelot): Yes.

2 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: I offer them as full exhibits in the  
3 proceeding, Mr. Morissette. Thank you.

4 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney Baldwin.

5 Does any party or Intervener object to the  
6 admission of the Applicant's New exhibits?

7 Paska Nayden, good afternoon.

8 PASKA NAYDEN: Hi. Good afternoon. I'm sorry I'm  
9 late. I just had trouble with Zoom.

10 THE VICE CHAIR: Do you object to the admissions of the  
11 late-filed exhibits?

12 PASKA NAYDEN: From what I can tell, I do not object.

13 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Thank you. The exhibits  
14 are hereby admitted. We will continue with  
15 cross-examination of the Applicant by the Council  
16 on the new exhibits, starting with Mr. Morrone and  
17 followed by Mr. Golembiewski.

18 Mr. Morrone, good afternoon.

19 MR. MORRONE: Good afternoon.

20 I'll begin by asking, has the Applicant  
21 received any requests for co-location since the  
22 July 31, 2025, evidentiary hearing?

23 THE WITNESS (Paul): This is Brian Paul.

24 No, we have not.

25 MR. MORRONE: Thank you. If the facility is approved,

1 would the Applicant provide the Council with a  
2 rigorous cumulative far-field radiofrequency  
3 analysis for the facility that accounts for all  
4 entities on the tower at a six-foot-tall person at  
5 ground level, and the actual antenna patterns for  
6 antennas on the facility consistent with FCC  
7 Office of Engineering and Technology, Bulletin  
8 Number 65, dated August 1997?

9 THE WITNESS (DiVito): This is Kip DiVito with Verizon  
10 Wireless.

11 We could provide that.

12 MR. MORRONE: Thank you.

13 Now, referencing attachment 14 to the  
14 application, if the facility is approved, would  
15 the Applicant ensure a recalculated report of the  
16 electromagnetic radiofrequency power density be  
17 submitted to the Council if and when circumstances  
18 in operation cause a change in power density?

19 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Just to be clear, Mr. Morrone, are  
20 you talking about changes that might occur for  
21 Verizon Wireless equipment? Or are you talking  
22 about the addition of other carriers?

23 MR. MORRONE: At this point in time, for Verizon.

24 THE WITNESS (DiVito): This is Kip DiVito again.

25 Yes, we could provide that.

1 MR. MORRONE: If in the future additional carriers are  
2 added and Verizon makes changes to their  
3 equipment, would the same type of report  
4 be (inaudible) --

5 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Vice Chair Morissette, I think Mr.  
6 Morrone --

7 MR. MORRONE: -- provided.

8 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: He's back.

9 THE VICE CHAIR: There he is.

10 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: You froze for a second, Mr. Morrone.

11 Mr. Vice Chair Morissette, I think I would  
12 just point out that consistent with council  
13 practice, additional carriers who come on the  
14 tower after the initial carrier would be  
15 responsible for providing their own RF analysis,  
16 cumulative RF analysis, but Mr. DiVito can  
17 certainly speak as it relates to Verizon  
18 Wireless's equipment itself.

19 So, if you have --

20 THE VICE CHAIR: Mr. Morrone, perhaps you could ask the  
21 question in such a way that the Witness can  
22 testify that each of the carriers will be doing  
23 their own calculation as based on previous  
24 practices, or would they be doing it for the other  
25 carriers as well, which I would think they would

1 not.

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3 (Pause.)

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5 MR. MORRONE: Apologies. I just froze there for a  
6 moment -- but I can clarify the question.

7 What I'm asking is, if in the future other  
8 entities co-locate on the tower and then Verizon  
9 makes changes to their equipment, would Verizon be  
10 willing to provide a recalculated report of  
11 cumulative density based on the Council practices?

12 THE WITNESS (DiVito): This is Kip DiVito with Verizon  
13 Wireless.

14 We can certainly provide you with  
15 documentation.

16 MR. MORRONE: Thank you. All right.

17 Next, in the event of a fire at the proposed  
18 facility, how would the power be turned off to  
19 de-energize the facility, and what fire safety and  
20 management systems would be employed at the site?

21 THE WITNESS (Paul): So, this is Brian Paul with the  
22 Towers, LLC.

23 There is no current fire extinguishing  
24 capabilities at the site for the tower itself.

25 There's no known history that I'm aware of where a

1 tower or the equipment on it would self-combust.  
2 It's not -- it's not a normal practice to have  
3 fire extinguishing capabilities for the tower  
4 itself.

5 As far as turning off power to the facility,  
6 there is a main breaker switch or disconnect  
7 switch, if you will, that would be turned off  
8 manually by a person, presumably either on-site as  
9 an emergency responder or a cell tech would have  
10 to physically turn that switch off.

11 If the site was operating via generator for  
12 any particular reason, the generators, the newest  
13 generators have an automatic shut off that can be  
14 handled remotely. So, that can be done from  
15 Verizon's facility remotely.

16 MR. MORRONE: Thank you.

17 Referencing the supplemental response to  
18 council interrogatory 54, can you more  
19 specifically describe the benefit associated with  
20 trees, shrub, ecotone, and stone walls?

21 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Matthew Gustafson.

22 Yes, by shifting the utility trenching within  
23 the access road, it will maximize the  
24 non-disturbed buffer to both the stone wall  
25 wetland and, you know, buffer ecotone habitat

1 adjacent to the wetland one, thereby minimizing  
2 potential impacts both during construction and  
3 post-construction.

4 MR. MORRONE: I believe the record states that 75 trees  
5 were to be removed. Would this change in the  
6 trenching location decrease that number at all?

7 THE WITNESS (Margelot): No, it would not.

8 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: That was Jason Margelot, for the  
9 record.

10 MR. MORRONE: And would the utility relocation  
11 eliminate any disturbance to the stone walls?

12 THE WITNESS (Margelot): This is Jason Margelot with  
13 Airosmith.

14 There would be some disturbance still because  
15 of the need for the swales.

16 MR. MORRONE: Okay. Thank you.

17 Would locating the utilities in the center of  
18 the access road result in any maintenance issues  
19 for either the utility line maintenance or road  
20 maintenance?

21 THE WITNESS (Paul): This is Brian Paul again.

22 Yeah, that's been discussed only in that the  
23 required pole boxes and utility junction points  
24 would end up in the center of the road. It could  
25 present an issue with snow plowing should we have

1 to plow the road at any particular time, but  
2 that's again a concern only if and when the road  
3 needs to be plowed for maintenance or emergency  
4 services.

5 MR. MORRONE: Okay. If the road needs to be plowed,  
6 what kind of issue is that going to cause?

7 THE WITNESS (Paul): Brian Paul again.

8 So, they're concrete vaults with concrete  
9 lids on them, or drivable, what we call drivable  
10 tops to them. They would simply have to be set in  
11 the road so that they didn't protrude above the  
12 existing elevation of the gravel itself.

13 Over time we do find, however, that the  
14 gravel does tend to settle a little bit. Right?  
15 So, we see that what could happen is the lid or  
16 the -- the encasement of that vault could end up  
17 protruding over, again, the existing level of  
18 gravel.

19 So, what we would do in the case of plowing  
20 is simply stake those -- right? Mark them so that  
21 they're clear to anyone who has to plow that road,  
22 just as we would do in our own home driveways for  
23 someone who, you know, we didn't want them tearing  
24 up the grass or we didn't want them hitting a  
25 shrub, or something like that.

1           So, they would have to be marked or  
2           identified within the road so that they weren't  
3           damaged by a plow. But again, they're not  
4           delicate. They're made of concrete and fiberglass  
5           and steel, and other material made for that type  
6           of installation. So, I don't foresee it as a --  
7           as a major issue in the maintenance of the road.

8   MR. MORRONE: And would icing during the winter be a  
9           concern for accessing those vaults if utility  
10          lines need to be maintained?

11   THE WITNESS (Paul): Brian Paul again.

12           No. Again, it's a removable lid. It's not  
13          fixed in any way, shape, or form, provided we can  
14          get to it. It's a removable lid top, if you want  
15          to call it that. There should be no issues there  
16          at all. Melting ice should not be a problem.  
17          Heat. Right? Just make it accessible and we can  
18          get to it.

19   MR. MORRONE: Okay, thank you.

20           That is all the questions I have at this  
21          time.

22   THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Morrone.

23           We'll now continue cross-examination of the  
24          Applicant by Mr. Golembiewski followed by  
25          Mr. Nguyen.

1 Mr. Golembiewski, good afternoon.

2 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Good afternoon, Vice Chair  
3 Morissette. I just have a few questions.

4 The first one is, I guess, a piggyback on  
5 Mr. Morrone's question. When the utilities are  
6 moved to the center of the road from the north  
7 side of the road, which I guess is the north side  
8 of the swale, even though I guess there's no  
9 trees -- there's no less trees that are going to  
10 be cut, but there should be an undisturbed buffer  
11 of vegetation, whether it's shrub or herbaceous.

12 Is that true?

13 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Matthew Gustafson.

14 You're -- you're correct, spot on. While  
15 we're not expecting any differences in tree  
16 removal, certainly there will be less vegetation  
17 removal in that area to facilitate the -- the  
18 previously proposed utility routing location.

19 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Great, thank you.

20 My second question, I guess I'm not sure  
21 exactly who to pose this to, but with a tower at  
22 150 feet that has all -- that has at least three  
23 or four carriers, say, a full buildout, has anyone  
24 ever seen a calculation, a recalculation where a  
25 full buildout exceeds the FCC's standards for RF,

1 say, on a 150-foot tower?

2 THE WITNESS (DiVito): This is Kip DiVito with Verizon  
3 Wireless.

4 I have not seen one on a tower.

5 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay, thank you.

6 My third question here is, I know in the  
7 interrogatories from the Intervener there was a  
8 question as in regards to, I guess, the plotting  
9 of coverage for towers, tower heights at 140, 130,  
10 and 120. And I know your response didn't really  
11 necessarily answer that other than 150 is what we  
12 need. Can you add a little bit more to that?

13 What do you lose every 10 feet? Is there  
14 something that I can grasp on, you know, why 150  
15 is what's needed?

16 THE WITNESS (DiVito): This is Kip DiVito with Verizon  
17 Wireless.

18 The most obvious thing is we start to lose  
19 coverage. You can look at the coverage plots and  
20 see the already existing coverage gap in the area.  
21 You know, I quickly looked at KPIs, like airdrops  
22 and ineffective attempts, and they're all  
23 indicators of lost connections, connections not  
24 made, and those are all coverage related issues,  
25 and they're all very high in the area.

1           So, when you start going down ten feet after  
2           ten feet after ten feet, you're essentially just  
3           drop -- you're -- you're dropping coverage further  
4           and further back. So, you're not really -- you're  
5           not doing what you should for the network. You're  
6           not offloading the -- the Putnam site as much as  
7           you could. You're still leaving people on cell  
8           edge coverage, so their phones are still going to  
9           drop or not be able to connect.

10           So, it's -- we submit the coverage plots  
11           because they're the best thing, really, for  
12           everybody to view and really grasp the -- the  
13           situation at hand.

14   MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI:   Would you expect other carriers --  
15           if you ended up having to lower yours, would you  
16           think that your tower would be less desirable for  
17           sharing if -- if your tower was shorter?

18   THE WITNESS (Paul):   This is Brian Paul.

19           Yes, absolutely. Every drop in elevation or  
20           what we call rad center would deter another  
21           potential co-locator based on that same coverage  
22           that Kip was discussing. Right? So it becomes  
23           negligible at every drop in elevation.

24   MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI:   Okay. Thank you.

25           One last question. The other tower before

1 us, Docket 534 -- I forget the actual address, but  
2 the coverage overlap from this tower and that  
3 tower, is it a normal coverage overlap for  
4 handoff, like, good handoff? Or are they  
5 essentially too close to each other? Do you have  
6 a significant overlap, unnecessary overlap?

7 THE WITNESS (DiVito): This is Kip DiVito with Verizon  
8 Wireless.

9 No, it's a normal handoff, I guess, coverage  
10 overlay, nothing that would cause interference  
11 with the two sites.

12 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. When you say interference,  
13 can you explain what happens if two towers -- what  
14 that interference consists of?

15 THE WITNESS (DiVito): This is Kip DiVito again.

16 Yeah, it's just if you have two sectors  
17 pointed in the same area that are equal in power,  
18 it's just it raises the noise and you either --  
19 the user equipment experiences high SINR, which is  
20 just, you know, it -- it doesn't have good  
21 singular coverage from one sector when you have  
22 two competing sectors. So, you have to mitigate  
23 that in some way, distance or antenna tilt, things  
24 like that.

25 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. Thank you very much.

1           That's all I have, Vice Chair Morissette.

2           Thank you.

3   **THE VICE CHAIR:** Thank you, Mr. Golembiewski.

4           We'll continue to cross-examination by

5           Mr. Nguyen followed by Mr. Carter.

6           Mr. Nguyen, good afternoon.

7   **MR. NGUYEN:** Good afternoon, Mr. Vice Chair.

8           No questions. Thank you.

9   **THE VICE CHAIR:** Thank you, Mr. Nguyen.

10          We'll now continue cross-examination by

11          Mr. Carter, then by Ms. Hall.

12          Mr. Carter, good afternoon.

13   **MR. CARTER:** Good afternoon, once again, Mr. Vice  
14          Chair. And good afternoon, all.

15          I don't have any other questions. I'd like  
16          to thank staff and my fellow Councilmembers for  
17          their robust questioning.

18          Thank you.

19   **THE VICE CHAIR:** Thank you, Mr. Carter.

20          We'll continue cross-examination by Ms. Hall  
21          followed by Mr. Lynch.

22          Ms. Hall, good afternoon.

23   **MS. HALL:** Good afternoon. I too have no questions,  
24          thanks to Mr. Morrone and Mr. Golembiewski.

25   **THE VICE CHAIR:** Thank you, Ms. Hall.

1           We'll now continue cross-examination by  
2           Mr. Lynch. Mr. Lynch, good afternoon.

3 MR. LYNCH: Good afternoon, Mr. Morissette.

4           I have a couple of follow-up questions to  
5           Mr. Morrone. He mentioned the stone wall, the  
6           small stone wall that was going to be removed.  
7           Now, I didn't hear the answer. It was kind of a  
8           breakup. Is that stone wall going to be replaced?

9 THE WITNESS (Paul): Yeah. This is Brian Paul.

10           So, depending on the landlord's request, we  
11           would potentially move the wall or portions of the  
12           wall that were intended to be affected by either  
13           the swales or the utility routing, or whatever  
14           construction activity takes place there. We're  
15           certainly open to relocating that and keeping  
16           it -- its aesthetics in place.

17 MR. LYNCH: Thank you.

18           Another follow-up question. On the RF  
19           calculations, would the addition of any AI  
20           equipment, you know, on the tower add to that  
21           calculation?

22 THE WITNESS (DiVito): This is Kip DiVito with Verizon  
23           Wireless.

24           I mean, I haven't seen any AI equipment  
25           added, like physical equipment added to our cell

1 towers more or less, I guess. I guess maybe -- I  
2 guess we use AI and software and, you know,  
3 figuring out how our network is being utilized,  
4 but it's not, you know, equating to physical  
5 equipment on the tower.

6 MR. LYNCH: Okay. The more I hear about AI, the more  
7 confused I get, anyhow. So, I just figure I'd  
8 asked.

9 And this is for the tower builder. As far as  
10 adding other carriers, once you get a carrier as a  
11 home, like Verizon, do you continue to solicit  
12 other carriers?

13 THE WITNESS (Paul): Yeah, this is Brian Paul.

14 Yes, we market the site to other carriers as  
15 well as municipalities if -- if they have interest  
16 in co-locating on the tower. Yes.

17 MR. LYNCH: All right, thank you.

18 That's all of my questions, Mr. Morissette.

19 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Lynch.

20 I just have a follow-up question on  
21 Mr. Golembiewski's question relating to the two  
22 towers that are being proposed. So, the way I  
23 understood the response is that if they're too  
24 close together, there's interference and it will  
25 cause problems. So, if I interpreted it

1           correctly, you want it at an appropriate distance  
2           where that does not occur.

3           Am I understanding that correctly?

4 **THE WITNESS (DiVito):** This is Kip DiVito with Verizon  
5           Wireless.

6           Yes, that is correct. You'll oftentimes see  
7           RF engineers even deny locations for -- alternate  
8           locations for -- for that very reason. It's just  
9           too close to an existing tower.

10 **THE VICE CHAIR:** Okay. Very interesting.

11           Okay. You also mentioned that -- and maybe I  
12           misunderstood that this was offloading some of  
13           Putnam. Is it Woodstock south -- is uploading  
14           some of Woodstock south, or is it this one?

15 **THE WITNESS (DiVito):** This is Kip DiVito with Verizon  
16           Wireless.

17           Actually, both of them. They wanted the two  
18           towers that would both offload Putnam and fill in  
19           the coverage service gap in the area.

20 **THE VICE CHAIR:** Okay.

21 **THE WITNESS (DiVito):** So, if you built one tower to  
22           offload Putnam, you would end up with extra  
23           traffic on one sector on the new tower. So, you  
24           build a second tower and then you have some of our  
25           sites to the north, too.

1           So you're -- you're completing a coverage gap  
2           and you're also making sure that Putnam is no  
3           longer an exhaust or no other sites in the area  
4           also becoming exhausted in the future.

5   **THE VICE CHAIR:**   Okay.  Is that the same situation for  
6           East Woodstock and Coatney Hill?

7   **THE WITNESS (DiVito):**  Let me look at a coverage map  
8           real quick.

9           It's up here.

10           So, this is Kip DiVito again with Verizon  
11           Wireless.

12           I have not seen data on Woodstock east and I  
13           don't know of plans, if we have plans north of  
14           East Woodstock or Coatney Hill at this time.

15   **THE VICE CHAIR:**   Okay.

16   **THE WITNESS (DiVito):**  But I haven't seen any KPI  
17           reports on them.

18   **THE VICE CHAIR:**   Okay.  So, it's primarily Putnam  
19           that's driving it as well.  Okay.  All right.  
20           Great.  Thank you.

21           That concludes my questioning for this  
22           afternoon.  And I thank Mr. Morrone for his line  
23           of questionings, and Mr. Golembiewski for teeing a  
24           couple up.

25           All right, we'll continue with

1 cross-examination of the Applicant by Paska Nayden  
2 on the new exhibits.

3 Paska Nayden, good afternoon.

4 PASKA NAYDEN: Good afternoon, Vice Chairman.

5 Thank you for allowing me to be here.

6 THE VICE CHAIR: Please continue.

7 PASKA NAYDEN: Where should I start?

8 THE VICE CHAIR: Well, it's your opportunity to  
9 cross-examine the Applicant --

10 PASKA NAYDEN: Okay.

11 THE VICE CHAIR: -- on the new exhibits that were filed  
12 marked as B6 and '7 in the hearing program.

13 PASKA NAYDEN: Okay. Well, I appreciate everybody's  
14 responses. I was a little disappointed in some of  
15 them because you objected and they were not  
16 complete, but I'd like to tag on to some of the  
17 questions that were earlier added -- discussed,  
18 and I appreciate Council's questions that were  
19 very thorough and insightful.

20 If I can, in B5 on the capacity KPIs that I  
21 had requested, I would like some clarifying  
22 questions to ask now.

23 Can the Applicant provide the percentage of  
24 the spectrum utilization for all licensed bands at  
25 the nearest Woodstock, Roseland, and Putnam sites

1 during the peak hours in the past twelve months?  
2 I didn't see many KPI data, so that's what I'm  
3 kind of looking for right now, is the real KPIs.  
4 That's question one. I don't know -- was that  
5 somewhere in there and I missed it?

6 The other one is about the dropped-call rate.  
7 I mean, if there's a situation on coverage and  
8 performance -- right? Do we have the data on the  
9 dropped-call rates and the call-blocking rate in  
10 the area alleged to be deficient?

11 THE VICE CHAIR: Could we do one question at a time?

12 PASKA NAYDEN: Oh, sure. I'm sorry.

13 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

14 THE WITNESS (DiVito): This is Kip DiVito with Verizon  
15 Wireless.

16 I did pull some hierarchy guides for the  
17 sectors of existing sites that point into the area  
18 and, you know, in my professional opinion and in  
19 speaking with some of my other engineers, they do  
20 obviously show a need for coverage.

21 So, dropped calls and ineffective attempts,  
22 they're all higher than our market goal, which is  
23 .6 percent. They all come in at, like, peaks of 5  
24 to 6 percent. And those are KPIs that are  
25 directly correlated to a coverage issue.

1           So, if a user's phone is dropping a call or  
2 not being able to connect, you can only fix that  
3 with filling in that coverage gap area. And so,  
4 that's why we show the coverage maps. And I think  
5 it was question 29 in our interrogatories that we  
6 brought up that KPI of dropped calls.

7           And also, you know, some of the -- the  
8 primary resource blocks of utilization, I think it  
9 was Putnam, the site that we were just speaking  
10 about, that sector pointing into the area is  
11 quickly rising above 50 percent utilization. So,  
12 50 percent generally you see a very big degrade in  
13 user service.

14           Once you start getting up to about 75  
15 percent, then you're going to start to see, you  
16 know, blockage and stuff like that. So, our --  
17 our KPIs are -- are well above, especially for  
18 coverage needs, our market goal of .6 percent.

19 PASKA NAYDEN: Okay. Thank you for that.

20           And when you say alarms, have you produced  
21 the congestion alarms or the KPI logs from the  
22 surrounding sites in the last twelve months? And  
23 can we get this? Can we see that?

24 THE WITNESS (DiVito): So, I mean, that's -- that's  
25 what we've submitted, or at least in our testimony

1 in question 29. The KPIs can only come from the  
2 existing sites because, you know, the proposed  
3 site doesn't exist yet.

4 So, we've -- we've provided testimony that  
5 the coverage needs existed. We've submitted that  
6 this site that we proposed is primarily a coverage  
7 site. And I think the coverage maps show that.

8 PASKA NAYDEN: Well, are those coverage -- good point.  
9 Okay. Do those coverage maps show voice service,  
10 or does it include data throughput and speed?

11 What are we talking about specifically on the  
12 coverage?

13 THE WITNESS (DiVito): So, this is Kip DiVito again.

14 So, you know, the coverage maps show voice  
15 and data, like, voice, and they do both. All our  
16 frequencies do both. So, the coverage maps that  
17 you're looking at, you'll see where the user  
18 equipment, the UE will best be served anywhere on  
19 those maps with respect to the coverage or the  
20 power level for the colors.

21 So, if you're looking at throughout the  
22 coverage maps, you'll see 700. That's, you know,  
23 our base frequency. Everything we add to that is  
24 for capacity. So 850, 1900, 21', 3700. That's  
25 all for capacity, and it's also for customers who

1           might be getting into fixed wireless in their  
2           home.

3                     So, it's -- the coverage maps show all the  
4           layers of our network and they do both voice and  
5           data.

6 PASKA NAYDEN:   Okay.   Just from my understanding, the  
7           only thing that we're concerned about from the FCC  
8           is voice, not data.   Right?

9 THE WITNESS (DiVito):   This is Kip DiVito with Verizon  
10          Wireless.

11                    I -- I don't know what the FCC is concerned  
12          about.   Verizon is concerned about a robust user  
13          experience for both voice and data.

14 PASKA NAYDEN:   Okay.   Is there any plan before this  
15          decision is made by the Council to do the drive  
16          test?   Because that really would give us a more  
17          accurate view on coverage.   Right?   Because these  
18          are all models.   These are all just, you know,  
19          maps.

20 THE WITNESS (DiVito):   This is Kip DiVito with Verizon  
21          Wireless.

22                    There they're modeled with a very finely  
23          tuned modeling system that is industry -- used  
24          industry-wide.   So, these maps are very accurate.  
25          We do not have plans right now to go out and drive

1 test. If a system performance engineer feels the  
2 need to do a before-and-after, that's mainly  
3 concerned with tuning the network once a new site  
4 comes on air and to make sure it's not interfering  
5 with other existing sites.

6 PASKA NAYDEN: Okay. Except that in my maps that I  
7 created based on location, there's a lot of  
8 coverage already. So, it really behooves us, in  
9 my opinion, for counsel to really ensure that the  
10 need is substantial because according to law, it's  
11 a substantial need that needs to be identified in  
12 light of environmental impacts.

13 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Mr. Vice Chair, I'll just object.  
14 The maps that Ms. Nayden is referring to are not  
15 in evidence and her testifying in this at this  
16 time is not appropriate.

17 PASKA NAYDEN: I'm just asking the question. I  
18 apologize if that wasn't incorrect.

19 THE VICE CHAIR: Ms. Nayden, please refrain from  
20 testifying when this is your opportunity to ask  
21 questions.

22 PASKA NAYDEN: I hear you. Thank you.

23 I apologize for that.

24 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good.

25 PASKA NAYDEN: I'm going to move on to a different

1           topic, the small-cell alternatives. I really  
2           would like to understand what other options does  
3           this area, for coverage from your analysis, allow  
4           maybe the small cell in particular? If you could  
5           expand on the small-cell solutions and DAS, if  
6           possible?

7   **THE WITNESS (DiVito):** So, this is Kip DiVito with  
8           Verizon Wireless.

9           I -- I don't remember which exact response in  
10          our interrogatory we --

11 **A VOICE:** Seven.

12 **THE WITNESS (DiVito):** Question number seven.

13 **PASKA NAYDEN:** Yes, B7. Yes.

14 **THE WITNESS (DiVito):** I meant of the original  
15          interrogatories.

16          But anyway, small cells are used for a very  
17          unique situation. So, they're small cells because  
18          they provide small coverage. So, we would have to  
19          provide lots of small cells to replace the  
20          coverage of a macro, and that requires wooden  
21          poles here in Connecticut. And we would have to  
22          put on those wooden poles multiple radios.

23          And that also, you know, you don't have  
24          battery backup. So, in the event of emergency,  
25          they're going down. Not every pole is

1 co-locatable. So, if it has a transformer on it,  
2 for example, you can't use that pole. Not every  
3 street has utility poles. Some are fed by  
4 underground utilities. So, that street would not  
5 be able to get, you know, our service.

6 So, small cells have a very -- that they're  
7 not -- it's not good RF practice to try and  
8 replace a macro with many small cells because  
9 you're leaving a lot of area untouched due to  
10 just -- just the way we deploy small cells in the  
11 area.

12 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Mr. Morissette, just for the record,  
13 and my benefit from writing a brief, that was  
14 Siting Council interrogatory response number  
15 eight.

16 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney Baldwin.

17 PASKA NAYDEN: Okay. So, number eight? Thank you for  
18 that.

19 Can I switch topics then? I mean, I  
20 understand what you're saying.

21 THE VICE CHAIR: Certainly. Please continue.

22 PASKA NAYDEN: It would just really be powerful to have  
23 an analysis of cost and benefit of the various  
24 non-intrusive and least intrusive, I should say,  
25 options to a macro tower.

1           Okay. Let's talk about the diesel  
2 generators. I'm concerned a little bit about  
3 spillage/leaking, because you're near the Putnam  
4 drinking water. So, can we just talk a little bit  
5 about that, what your precautions are and what  
6 your plans are and how do we ensure? Because that  
7 area is a source for 80 percent of Putnam's  
8 drinking water.

9           How do we ensure that we're not going to have  
10 a diesel leak? And if there is, how do we ensure?  
11 Your thoughts?

12 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Matthew Gustafson.

13           As part of our -- and this is referencing  
14 attachment one in response to interrogatories, the  
15 Council's response to interrogatories, we're  
16 proposing and providing a public supply watershed  
17 protection program.

18           As part of that program, there is an  
19 extensive pollution prevention plan, including  
20 petroleum material storage and spill prevention in  
21 response. Some of those details include such  
22 things as maintaining spill protection measures on  
23 site during construction, as well as coordination  
24 with the Little River diversion public water  
25 supply watershed authority.

1           In addition, and perhaps some of my other  
2 members on the panel can speak to this more  
3 robustly, but all diesel fuel storage containers  
4 are -- have spill prevention measures built into  
5 them and that they're double-hulled, further  
6 mitigating any potential release, both during  
7 construction and post construction and operation  
8 of the facility.

9 PASKA NAYDEN: Does that mean you'll provide the SPCC,  
10 the spill prevention control and countermeasure  
11 report or process to the Council prior to the  
12 decision so that they could see that prior?

13 THE WITNESS (Paul): Yeah, this is Brian Paul.

14           We can provide that as part of the D and M  
15 review process.

16 PASKA NAYDEN: Thank you.

17           Definitely anything prior to any decision,  
18 it's really key to the Council's effectiveness.

19           I'm just looking over my notes. I apologize.  
20 Some of the questions were already answered,  
21 thanks to the Council.

22           One key thing that I just need to get  
23 clarity -- and I could be wrong, Vice Chair -- the  
24 FCC only preempts RF from decision making, radio  
25 frequency. Right? But it does not --

1 THE VICE CHAIR: I'm not allowed to answer questions.

2 PASKA NAYDEN: Oh, I'm sorry. Well, Verizon. Verizon,  
3 you're probably more familiar with that  
4 Telecommunication Act than most people. It's  
5 800-plus pages. I went one day to try to print it  
6 because I don't really like to read online very  
7 much.

8 But anyway. But that 1996 only preempts.  
9 Correct me if I'm wrong, Verizon. That regulation  
10 is only based on radiofrequency health effects.

11 Right?

12 THE VICE CHAIR: Unfortunately, that's going to require  
13 an attorney's response.

14 PASKA NAYDEN: Oh, okay.

15 THE VICE CHAIR: The attorney to testify. Perhaps  
16 Attorney Bachman could shed some light on it.

17 Attorney Bachman, is it possible for you to  
18 do that, first of all?

19 ATTORNEY BACHMAN: Thank you, Vice Chair Morissette.

20 The FCC preempts a whole host of operational  
21 and network-related activities. Our jurisdiction  
22 is limited to whether there is a public need for a  
23 site in a particular area --

24 PASKA NAYDEN: Uh-huh?

25 ATTORNEY BACHMAN: -- balanced with the adverse

1 environmental effects. And if we think that the  
2 site is inappropriate for the siting of a cell  
3 tower, we look at alternatives and ask the  
4 Applicant to look at alternatives, which is  
5 precisely what this proceeding is all about.

6 But aside from the RF emissions, there are  
7 several other items such as interference, you  
8 know, spectrum, how it's auctioned, things along  
9 those lines. And there are also confidential  
10 documents within the possession of the Applicant  
11 that are proprietary to their network.

12 Thank you.

13 PASKA NAYDEN: Okay.

14 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney Bachman.

15 PASKA NAYDEN: Okay. Because what I was just getting  
16 to is we have the Connecticut Statute 16-50p, and  
17 that really talks about the environmental aspect  
18 that has never been preempted.

19 So, our questions around the wetlands and the  
20 water are really important to the Council's  
21 decision to make sure that it's compatible with  
22 the area, in this area in particular, because  
23 there's issues around the wetlands and noise and  
24 aesthetics, of course, and water supply, which are  
25 not preempted -- from what I could tell from the

1 law and talking to other legal counsels on this  
2 topic. So, those are -- my concerns are, you  
3 know, the drive test is really, really key versus  
4 maps.

5 The other key is --

6 THE VICE CHAIR: Excuse me.

7 PASKA NAYDEN: Can I just ask one question? I'm sorry.

8 Let me get back to the question. I apologize.

9 THE VICE CHAIR: Ask the question, please.

10 PASKA NAYDEN: The question is around -- and I know  
11 when I posed it, I just don't have it in front of  
12 me, which question it was. When we look at -- and  
13 I think the other gentleman earlier on talked  
14 about the impact, and you did too, Vice Chair, on  
15 the proximity of the other towers to each other;  
16 what kind of impact that's going to have on the  
17 quality coverage and responsiveness and the  
18 ability to use the network effectively by the  
19 people when you've added two more towers, because  
20 I guess you approved 534, Docket Number.

21 So, that question is really still outstanding  
22 in my mind. And I don't know if anyone here from  
23 Verizon has looked at the cumulative impact of  
24 these spectrums operating in close proximity to  
25 each other.

1 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: I think, Vice Chair Morissette, I  
2 think Mr. DiVito did respond to your question on  
3 that very issue related to the way these sites  
4 interact, but if he wants to expand on that,  
5 perhaps we can do that.

6 THE VICE CHAIR: Yes, he did respond to the impact on  
7 the closeness. Ms. Nayden is, I think, asking  
8 what the cumulative effects would be, and I don't  
9 think I heard the --

10 THE WITNESS (DiVito): Tab -- or FCC.

11 PASKA NAYDEN: Thank you for that.

12 THE WITNESS (DiVito): You know what tab it is?

13 A VOICE: Our license?

14 THE WITNESS (DiVito): No, the cumulative report.

15 This is Kip DiVito with Verizon Wireless.

16 I would suggest taking a look -- I'm going to  
17 refer to tab 14, which is our cumulative report.  
18 So, as you can see from that, the further away you  
19 go from the site -- and it does it by foot. So,  
20 out to -- so, out to like 500 feet. You see the  
21 cumulative effect drop off to next to nothing.

22 So, even if you have sites that are, how  
23 you're saying, by the maps they look close  
24 together, but you can see they're really not. So,  
25 the cumulative effect, like, they're not affecting

1 each other from our cumulative reports. There  
2 they're all dropping off next to nothing past 500  
3 feet.

4 PASKA NAYDEN: Interesting. So, talk to me about the  
5 effect when you have all of these various  
6 spectrums. You know, we're talking about 700 all  
7 the way to -- what? 3.2 or 3.7 gigahertz --  
8 right? Across many towers in this area. What did  
9 I count? Like, seven or so, plus these two.

10 What about the harmonics and heterodyning?  
11 Can we talk about that? Or I didn't see that  
12 discussed anywhere.

13 THE WITNESS (DiVito): So, this is Kip DiVito with  
14 Verizon Wireless.

15 All our equipment is licensed by the FCC.

16 PASKA NAYDEN: Of course.

17 THE WITNESS (DiVito): It all passes the -- the  
18 requirements that the FCC needs to make sure that  
19 they're filtered in the proper way so that we're  
20 not interfering with anybody else.

21 PASKA NAYDEN: I know you're licensed. I was just  
22 asking for your analysis and your systems  
23 engineering and RF engineering. Has anyone looked  
24 at cumulative or overlay impact of harmonics and  
25 heterodyning?

1           Because we know it's just the law of physics.  
2           Right? Harmonics and heterodyning are occurring  
3           just because we can't see it. But they change the  
4           signals. They added -- they add signals. They  
5           modify signals. Right? That's a simple way of  
6           describing that. Right?

7           So, I just wondered if your analysts, because  
8           you guys have amazing talent there, have looked  
9           at, because it affects performance. Right?

10       THE WITNESS (DiVito): This is Kip DiVito with Verizon  
11       Wireless.

12           I'm sure anything that would affect the  
13           performance, we would mitigate. And that hasn't  
14           been an issue. All our equipment is licensed.  
15           And we don't make our equipment. So, it comes  
16           from other companies that are responsible for, you  
17           know, harmonics and do that testing themselves in  
18           their factories when they build their equipment.

19           So, our network is, you know, rigorously  
20           monitored. We have not had problems like what  
21           you're speaking to. So, it's -- I'm not -- I'm  
22           not there in the office testing harmonics on  
23           radios where we're looking at coverage and  
24           capacity needs of our network. We have companies  
25           that get their licenses to build their equipment

1 by the FCC standards.

2 PASKA NAYDEN: Thank you.

3 The last question, I promise. Do you have  
4 anywhere in the documents some estimates on the  
5 distance that your antennas, your tower will  
6 cover? When I was a system engineer a long time  
7 ago, they did have coverage. Some antennas went  
8 26 miles. But I'm just curious, do we have  
9 anywhere from Verizon that gives us a range on if  
10 you have a 700 antenna or 800, 1500, 2100, 3.7,  
11 what the distance of coverage for that is? Or is  
12 it somewhere?

13 THE WITNESS (DiVito): This is Kip DiVito with Verizon  
14 Wireless.

15 You can look at the coverage maps and the  
16 legends that are provided. You can do a rough  
17 estimates to see what our coverage is at neg-85,  
18 neg-95 is for all our -- all our frequencies  
19 there.

20 PASKA NAYDEN: Okay. I'll just extrapolate it from the  
21 map, you're saying? Okay.

22 THE WITNESS (DiVito): How many miles out?

23 PASKA NAYDEN: Okay. Thank you.

24 Thank you, Vice Chair.

25 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Ms. Nayden.

1           Very good. We're going to now move on with  
2           the appearance by the intervener, Paska Nayden.  
3           Paska Nayden, you're going to be cross-examined  
4           now.

5 PASKA NAYDEN: Oh, wow. Okay.

6 THE VICE CHAIR: Will the Intervener present it's  
7           witness panel for purposes of taking the oath?  
8           And Attorney Bachman will administer the oath.  
9           Paska Nayden, please take the oath. Attorney  
10          Bachman will administer.

11                   Attorney Bachman?

12 ATTORNEY BACHMAN: Thank you, Vice Chair Morissette.  
13           Could you please raise your right hand?

14 P A S K A       N A Y D E N,

15                   called as a witness, being sworn by  
16           THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, was examined and  
17           testified under oath as follows:

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19 ATTORNEY BACHMAN: Thank you.

20 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney Bachman.

21           Paska Nayden, you offered the exhibits listed  
22           under the hearing Program, Roman numeral 3, B1 and  
23           '2 for identification purposes.

24 THE WITNESS (Nayden): Okay. I just need to go to that  
25           place in the docket. Right?

1 THE VICE CHAIR: Yeah. That's the request for  
2 intervener status dated July 31, 2025, and your  
3 pre-filed testimony with attachments dated August  
4 26, 2025.

5 PASKA NAYDEN: Okay.

6 I'm sorry. I thought I had that. I have a  
7 bazillion screens opened up here. Okay. All  
8 right. I have Paska Nayden -- I have pre-filed  
9 testimony that I'm seeing here on the screen.

10 THE VICE CHAIR: And a request for intervener status.

11 THE WITNESS (Nayden): Yes. That's correct.

12 THE VICE CHAIR: Okay. Is there any objection to  
13 marking the exhibits for identification purposes  
14 only at this time? Paska Nayden?

15 THE WITNESS (Nayden): No, I don't have any objection.

16 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Attorney Baldwin, is there  
17 any objection?

18 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: No objection.

19 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Thank you.

20 Paska Nayden, did you prepare or assist in  
21 the preparations of Exhibit 3, B1 and '2?

22 THE WITNESS (Nayden): Hold on one second. Let  
23 me (unintelligible).

24 Yes, I did.

25 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Thank you.

1           Do you have any additions, clarifications,  
2           deletions, or modifications of those documents?

3   **THE WITNESS (Nayden):** No. No.

4   **THE VICE CHAIR:** Are these exhibits true and accurate  
5           to the best of your knowledge?

6   **THE WITNESS (Nayden):** Yes, absolutely.

7   **THE VICE CHAIR:** And do you offer these exhibits as  
8           your testimony here today?

9   **THE WITNESS (Nayden):** Yes, I do.

10   **THE VICE CHAIR:** And do you offer these as full  
11           exhibits?

12   **THE WITNESS (Nayden):** Yes, to the best of my  
13           knowledge.

14   **THE VICE CHAIR:** Thank you.

15           Does the Applicant object to the admission of  
16           Paska Nayden's exhibit? Attorney Baldwin?

17   **ATTORNEY BALDWIN:** Only -- and for record purposes,  
18           only to the extent that some of the information  
19           contained in the testimony goes beyond the scope  
20           of the Council's jurisdiction. With that  
21           objection noted, we have no other objection.

22   **THE VICE CHAIR:** Thank you, Attorney Baldwin.

23           The objection is noted. The exhibits are  
24           hereby admitted.

25           We will now begin with cross-examination of

1 Paska Nayden by the Council starting with  
2 Mr. Morrone, followed by Mr. Golembiewski.

3 Mr. Morrone?

4 MR. MORRONE: I have no questions today. Thank you.

5 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Morrone.

6 We'll now continue with cross-examination by  
7 Mr. Golembiewski, followed by Mr. Nguyen.

8 Mr. Golembiewski?

9 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: I don't have any questions of  
10 Ms. Nayden. Thank you.

11 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

12 Mr. Nguyen, followed by Mr. Carter.

13 Mr. Nguyen?

14 MR. NGUYEN: Thank you. No questions for Ms. Nayden.  
15 Thank you.

16 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

17 Mr. Carter, followed by Ms. Hall.

18 Do you have any cross-examination?

19 MR. CARTER: Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair.

20 I just would like to thank Ms. Nayden for her  
21 time. I have no questions. Thank you.

22 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

23 We'll now continue with cross-examination by  
24 Ms. Hall, followed by Mr. Lynch. Ms. Hall?

25 MS. HALL: No questions. Thank you.

1 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

2 We'll now continue with cross-examination by  
3 Mr. Lynch, followed by Ms. Hall.

4 Mr. Lynch?

5 MR. LYNCH: I have no questions.

6 THE VICE CHAIR: No questions? Thank you.

7 And I have no questions.

8 We will continue with the cross-examination  
9 of Paska Nayden by the Applicant.

10 Attorney Baldwin?

11 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Thank you, Vice Chair Morissette.  
12 Just a couple quick questions.

13 Ms. Nayden, you list on your intervener  
14 request form that you live at 44 Jesse Lee Drive  
15 in Easton, Connecticut. Is that right?

16 THE WITNESS (Nayden): Yes, I do.

17 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: And according to attachment four in  
18 the application, you don't appear as an abutting  
19 property owner to 835 Route 169 in Woodstock,  
20 Connecticut. Is that correct?

21 THE WITNESS (Nayden): That is true. Correct.

22 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Do you own property anywhere in the  
23 town of Woodstock, Connecticut?

24 THE WITNESS (Nayden): No, I don't.

25 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Okay. Thank you.

1           Nothing further, Mr. Morissette.

2   **THE VICE CHAIR:** Thank you, Attorney Baldwin.

3           Well, that concludes our hearing for this  
4   afternoon. The closing statement -- I will now  
5   proceed. Before closing this evidentiary record  
6   in this matter, the Connecticut Siting Council  
7   announces that briefs and proposed findings of  
8   fact may be filed with the Council by any party or  
9   intervener no later than October 9, 2025. The  
10   submission of briefs or proposed findings of fact  
11   are not required by this Council. Rather, we  
12   leave it to the choice of the parties and  
13   interveners.

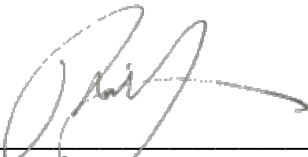
14           Anyone who has not become a party or  
15   intervener, but who desires to make his or her  
16   views known to the Council may file written  
17   statements with the Council within 30 days of the  
18   date hereof. The Council will issue draft  
19   findings of fact, and thereafter, parties and  
20   interveners may identify errors or inconsistencies  
21   between the Council's draft findings of fact and  
22   the record. However, no new information, no new  
23   evidence, no argument, and no reply briefs without  
24   our permission will be considered by the Council.

25           Copies of the transcript of this hearing will



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