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Docket No. 535

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

Zoom Remote Council Meeting (Teleconference),  
on Thursday, July 31, 2025, beginning at 2 p.m.

H e l d   B e f o r e:

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11       **Paska Nayden (pro se)**

(Begin: 2:00 p.m.)

THE VICE CHAIR: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen.

Can everybody hear me okay?

Great. Thank you.

This public hearing is called to order this Thursday, July 31, 2025, at 2 p.m. My name is John Morissette, Vice Chair of the Connecticut Siting Council. Other members of the Council are Brian Golembiewski, designee for Commissioner Katie Dykes of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; Quat Nguyen, designee for Chairman Marissa Paslick Gillett of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority; Chance Carter; Bill Syme; and Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Members of the staff are Executive Director Melanie Bachman, Siting Analyst Adam Morrone, and Administrative Support Lisa Fontaine.

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

This hearing is held pursuant to the provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut General Statutes and of the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act upon an application from the Towers,

1 LLC, for a certificate of environmental  
2 compatibility and public need for the  
3 construction, maintenance, and operation of a  
4 telecommunications facility located at 835 Norwich  
5 Worcester Turnpike, also known as Route 169, in  
6 Woodstock, Connecticut.

7 This application was received by the Council  
8 on April 7, 2025. The Council's legal notice of  
9 the date and time of this public hearing was  
10 published in the Woodstock Villager on May 9,  
11 2025. Upon this Council's request, the Applicant  
12 erected a sign in the vicinity of the proposed  
13 site so as to inform the public of the name of the  
14 Applicant, the type of the facility, a public  
15 hearing date, and contact information for the  
16 Council, including website and phone number.

17 As a reminder to all, off-the-record  
18 communications with a member of the Council or a  
19 member of the Council's staff upon the merits of  
20 this application is prohibited by law.

21 The parties and interveners to this  
22 proceeding are as follows. The Applicant, the  
23 Towers, LLC. Its representatives, Kenneth C.  
24 Baldwin, Esquire; Jonathan Schaefer, Esquire of  
25 Robinson & Cole, LLP.

1           We will proceed in accordance with the  
2 prepared agenda, a copy of which is available on  
3 the Council's website, along with the record of  
4 this matter, the public hearing notice,  
5 instructions for public access to this public  
6 hearing, and the Council's citizen's guide to  
7 siting council procedures.

8           Interested persons may join any session of  
9 this public hearing to listen, but no public  
10 comments will be received during the 2 p.m  
11 evidentiary session. At the end of the  
12 evidentiary session, we will recess until 6:30  
13 p.m. for the public comment session. Please be  
14 advised that any person may be removed from the  
15 evidentiary session or the public comment session  
16 at the discretion of the Council.

17           The 6:30 p.m. public comment session is  
18 reserved for members of the public who have signed  
19 up to make brief statements into the record. I  
20 wish to note that the Applicant, including their  
21 representatives, witnesses, and members, are not  
22 allowed to participate in the public comment  
23 session.

24           I also wish to note for those who are  
25 listening and for the benefit of your friends and

1 neighbors who are unable to join us for the public  
2 comment session, that you or they may send written  
3 statements to the Council within 30 days of the  
4 date hereof, either by mail or by e-mail, and such  
5 written statements will be given the same weight  
6 as if spoken during the public comment session.

7 A verbatim transcript of this public hearing  
8 will be posted on the Council's website and  
9 deposited with the Woodstock Town Clerk's office  
10 for the convenience of the public.

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

13 We'll now move on to the motions. We have  
14 two motions to take care of this afternoon. The  
15 first motion, the Towers, LLC, motion for  
16 protective order of the leased agreement financial  
17 terms, dated April 21, 2025. Attorney Bachman may  
18 wish to comment.

19 Attorney Bachman, good afternoon.

20 ATTORNEY BACHMAN: Good afternoon, Vice Chair

21 Morissette, and thank you.

22 Pursuant to General Statute Section 16-50o,  
23 the Towers submitted a motion for protective order  
24 for the lease agreement financial terms, which are  
25 exempt from public disclosure under the Freedom of

1 Information Act. And therefore, staff recommends  
2 that the motion be granted. Thank you.

3 MR. LYNCH: I move the motion.

4 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney Bachman, and thank  
5 you, Mr. Lynch.

6 Is there a second?

7 MR. CARTER: I'll second.

8 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Chance.

9 We have a motion by Mr. Lynch to approve the  
10 motion for protective order, and we have a second  
11 by Mr. Carter. We'll now move to discussion.

12 Mr. Golembiewski, any discussion? And good  
13 afternoon.

14 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Good afternoon.

15 I have no discussion. Thank you.

16 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

17 Mr. Nguyen, any discussion? And good  
18 afternoon.

19 MR. NGUYEN: Good afternoon, Vice Chair.

20 No discussion. Thank you.

21 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

22 Mr. Carter, good afternoon. Any discussion?

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

24 And no, no discussion. Thank you.

25 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you. Mr. Syme -- is Mr. Syme

1 with us?

2  
3 (No response.)  
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5 THE VICE CHAIR: Okay, we'll now move to Mr. Lynch.

6 Good afternoon, Mr. Lynch.

7 MR. LYNCH: No discussion.

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

9 We'll now move to the vote.

10 Mr. Golembiewski, how do you vote?

11 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: I vote to approve. Thank you.

12 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you. Mr. Nguyen?

13 MR. NGUYEN: Vote to approve.

14 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you. Mr. Carter?

15 MR. CARTER: Vote to approve. Thank you.

16 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you. Mr. Lynch?

17 MR. LYNCH: Vote approval.

18 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you. And I vote approval.

19 We have five for approval. The motion for  
20 protective order is approved.

21 We'll now move on to the second motion.

22 Paska Nayden has a request for intervener status  
23 dated July 31, 2025. Attorney Bachman may wish to  
24 comment. Attorney Bachman?

25 ATTORNEY BACHMAN: Thank you, Vice Chair Morissette.

1           The deadline to request intervenor status was  
2           July 24th. This morning Paska Nayden requested  
3           intervenor status, and subject to any objection  
4           from the Applicants, so that we can give them a  
5           chance to object, staff recommends that the  
6           request be granted. Thank you.

7   THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney Bachman.

8           Is there any objection from the Applicant?

9   ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Yes. Thank you, Vice Chair

10          Morissette. This is Jon Schaefer from Robinson &  
11          Cole for the Applicant, the Towers, LLC. We would  
12          respectfully object to this motion for  
13          intervention.

14          If I may speak to the reasons at this time?

15   THE VICE CHAIR: Certainly.

16   ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Thank you. First off, it is not  
17          clear to us whether Ms. Paska is -- Paska Nayden  
18          is applying for herself as an individual or on  
19          behalf of an entity. Further, under the  
20          applicable statutory and regulatory requirements  
21          for intervention, we do not believe she has or her  
22          entity has satisfied those.

23          For instance, under 4-177a, it requires a  
24          verified pleading. And in fact, her pleading  
25          is -- her submission has not even been signed, let

1 alone verified. There's also no allegation in her  
2 submission that the facility is reasonably likely  
3 to have an effect of unreasonably polluting,  
4 impairing, or destroying the public interest in  
5 the air, water, or natural resources of the state.  
6 And furthermore, she states no specific  
7 environmental issues that she is concerned with,  
8 as that applies to CEPA; merely she states  
9 environmental risks with no facts or allegations  
10 included.

11 Her other stated concerns involve coverage  
12 and RF issues, which are FCC jurisdiction and  
13 outside the jurisdiction of the Siting Council  
14 through preemption of federal law. Furthermore,  
15 she cites statute 16-50o to support her right to  
16 standing. That statute does not address any  
17 individual or entity's right to standing.

18 She also cites 16-50n, which as Attorney  
19 Bachman mentioned, requires filing of an  
20 intervention request five days before the hearing.  
21 That five days, I will note, can be waived if good  
22 cause is shown. The good cause that appears to be  
23 provided in her request is, quote, short notice.

24 I will note for the record, to the extent  
25 it's not already in the record, that the Applicant

1 filed its technical report on December 4, 2024.  
2 It held a public information meeting in Woodstock  
3 on February 20, 2025. It filed a notice of intent  
4 in the local newspaper on two dates, April 3rd and  
5 April 4, 2025. It filed its application with the  
6 Council on April 7, 2025. This hearing date was  
7 set by the Council through public notice on May 1,  
8 2025. And as you noted earlier, a sign was posted  
9 at the property on July 11, 2025, all well before  
10 the deadline of July 24th to file intervenor  
11 status.

12 While the Applicant understands that the  
13 Council generally takes a lenient approach to  
14 intervenor status, we believe that this goes even  
15 beyond that, and that this granting of this  
16 intervenor status would be disorderly to the  
17 conduct of this proceeding and unnecessarily delay  
18 the proceeding without adding any value that the  
19 Council or the Applicant has not already or will  
20 not already provide to the proceeding.

21 Thank you very much.

22 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney Schaefer.

23 Attorney Bachman, any response?

24 ATTORNEY BACHMAN: Thank you, Vice Chair Morissette.

25 Attorney Schaefer's characterization of the

1 record of notice thus far is accurate, but  
2 certainly we would recommend that we would grant  
3 intervener status for the Council's vote.

4 Thank you.

5 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Thank you.

6 We will now take it up for a vote now that  
7 the Council has heard both sides of the argument.

8 Is there a motion?

9 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: I'll make a motion to approve the  
10 request for intervener status.

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

12 Is there a second?

13 MR. CARTER: I'll second --

14 MR. NGUYEN: I'll second.

15 MR. CARTER: Oh, go ahead. You got it.

16 MR. NGUYEN: I'll second it. Thank you, Mr. Carter.

17 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Nguyen.

18 We have a motion by Mr. Golembiewski to  
19 approve Paska Nayden's request for intervener  
20 status dated July 31, 2025, and we have a second  
21 by Mr. Nguyen. We'll now move to discussion.

22 Mr. Golembiewski, any discussion?

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24 (Intentional disruption / Zoom-bombing:

25 2:12 p.m. to 2:13 p.m.)

1 ATTORNEY BACHMAN: At this time, Vice Chair Morissette,  
2 I think it would be in our best interest to remove  
3 everyone, except for the parties and interveners  
4 to this proceeding.

5 It's the second time this has been disrupted,  
6 and there will be a video available.

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8 (Pause: 2:14 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.)  
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10 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney Bachman. I got  
11 muted. Sorry, folks. And sorry for the  
12 disruption here this afternoon.

13 I'm going to take the recommendation of  
14 Attorney Bachman, and we're going to not allow  
15 participant -- participation in this. It has  
16 happened twice already within 15 minutes of our  
17 hearing here this afternoon. So, we will proceed  
18 without any viewing from other participants.

19 Do we have the entire Council here back on  
20 screen?

21 ATTORNEY BACHMAN: It appears that we do,  
22 Mr. Morissette. Thank you.

23 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Thank you.

24 Okay. I think we were having discussion on  
25 the second motion. Mr. Golembiewski, I think you

1 got interrupted.

2 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Yes. I have no real discussion. I  
3 mean, I did read the request, and it does not --  
4 it appears there's, you know, there's not a lot of  
5 information. I can't -- I looked. You know, they  
6 don't appear to be, at least on the face of an  
7 abutter, but I still feel like we should allow it.

8 Thank you.

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

10 Mr. Nguyen, any discussion?

11 MR. NGUYEN: No discussion. Thank you.

12 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

13 Mr. Carter, any discussion?

14 MR. CARTER: I don't want to repeat what has already  
15 been said, so no. Thank you.

16 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you. Mr. Lynch, any discussion?

17 MR. LYNCH: No discussion, but I think the Applicant  
18 laid out a good -- a reason for denying this  
19 motion, and that's how I'll be voting.

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

21 It's unfortunate that the deadline was  
22 missed, and some of the requirements have also  
23 been overlooked as well. However, we do want to  
24 ensure that there is participation in the hearing,  
25 so I am in support of it.

1           So, with that, we will go to the vote.

2           Mr. Golembiewski, your vote, please?

3 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: I vote to approve. Thank you.

4 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

5           Mr. Nguyen, your vote, please?

6 MR. NGUYEN: I vote to approve. Thank you.

7 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

8           Mr. Carter, your vote, please?

9 MR. CARTER: I vote to deny. Thank you.

10 THE VICE CHAIR: Okay. And Mr. Lynch, your vote,  
11 please?

12 MR. LYNCH: I vote to deny.

13 THE VICE CHAIR: Okay. All right. And I vote to  
14 approve. So, we have three for approval and two  
15 denials. The motion passes. Intervener status is  
16 approved.

17           Moving on to administrative notices taken by  
18 the Council, I call your attention to those items  
19 shown on the hearing program marked as Roman  
20 numeral 1C, items 1 to 99. Does any party or  
21 intervener have an objection to the items that the  
22 Council has administratively noticed?

23           Attorney Schaefer?

24 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Thank you. No objection.

25 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

1 Paska Nayden, good afternoon. Any objection?  
2 PASKA NAYDEN: At this point, no, but I will ask that I  
3 will provide some feedback after the session, if  
4 that's okay.

5 And I do appreciate the vote of confidence  
6 here, and I do not want to be disruptive. So, I  
7 do not want to delay any actions that are here,  
8 but I will provide feedback post this call.

9 Is that all right?

10 THE VICE CHAIR: Well, you're welcome to file, file as  
11 part of the record, yes.

12 PASKA NAYDEN: Okay.

13 THE VICE CHAIR: But as far as testimony is concerned,  
14 you will be cross-examined.

15 PASKA NAYDEN: That's fine.

16 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Thank you.

17 Okay. Accordingly, the Council hereby  
18 administratively notices these documents.

19 We'll now move on to the appearance by the  
20 Applicant. Will the Applicant present its witness  
21 panel for purposes of taking the oath? And we  
22 will have Attorney Bachman administer the oath.

23 Attorney Schaefer?

24 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Yes, thank you.

25 For the record again, Jon Schaefer from

1 Robinson & Cole, on behalf of the Applicant, the  
2 Towers, LLC. Our witness panel today consists of  
3 six representatives from the Applicant, the  
4 Towers. They include, on my far left, Elizabeth  
5 Glidden, real estate regulatory specialist for  
6 Verizon Wireless. Next to her, Kip DiVito,  
7 radiofrequency engineer for Verizon Wireless.

8 Immediately to my left, Jason Margelot,  
9 project manager and engineering implementation,  
10 Airosmith Development, Incorporated.

11 To my right, Brian Paul, project manager for  
12 Vertical Bridge REIT, LLC; to his right, Rick  
13 Landino, senior designer and analyst at All-Points  
14 Technology Corporation; and to his right, Matthew  
15 Gustafson, registered soil scientist and forester,  
16 All-Points Technology Corporation.

17 I would offer them at this time to be sworn.

18 THE VICE CHAIR: Attorney Bachman, please administer  
19 the oath.

20 ATTORNEY BACHMAN: Thank you, Vice Chair Morissette.

21 Could the witnesses please raise your right  
22 hand?  
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1 B R I A N P A U L,  
2 E L I Z A B E T H G L I D D E N,  
3 M A T T H E W G U S T A F S O N,  
4 K I P D i V I T O,  
5 J A S O N M A R G E L O T,  
6 R I C H A R D L A N D I N O,

7 called as witnesses, being sworn by  
8 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, were examined and  
9 testified under oath as follows:  
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11 ATTORNEY BACHMAN: Thank you.

12 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney Bachman.

13 Attorney Schaefer, please begin by verifying  
14 all the exhibits by the appropriate sworn witness.

15 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Thank you, yes. Today we have five  
16 exhibits listed in the hearing program. Those  
17 exhibits are listed in the hearing program under  
18 Roman numeral two, under the appearance of  
19 Applicants, subsection B. And they include the  
20 application for certificate of environmental  
21 compatibility and public need filed by the Towers,  
22 LLC, on April 7, 2025; bulk exhibits, including a  
23 technical report, Woodstock zoning regulations,  
24 Woodstock Inland Wetlands and Watercourses  
25 regulations, and the Town of Woodstock Plan of

1 Conservation and Development; as well as the  
2 Applicant's affidavit of publication filed with  
3 the Council on April 15, 2025, the signposting  
4 affidavit filed with the Council on July 14, 2025,  
5 and the Applicant's responses to council  
6 interrogatories filed with the Council on July 14,  
7 2025.

8 I offer these for identification purposes at  
9 this time subject to verification by the  
10 Witnesses. And unless there's objection by the  
11 Council, I would like to verify the Witnesses as a  
12 panel. And in the interests of time, I would like  
13 to do so now.

14 THE VICE CHAIR: No objection. Please continue.

15 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Thank you.

16 So panel, did you prepare or assist in the  
17 preparation of the existing -- of the exhibits  
18 listed in the hearing program under Roman numeral  
19 two, subsection B, items one through five?

20 Ms. Glidden?

21 THE WITNESS (Glidden): I did.

22 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Mr. DiVito?

23 THE WITNESS (DiVito): Yes.

24 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Mr. Margelot?

25 THE WITNESS (Margelot): Yes.

1 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Mr. Paul?

2 THE WITNESS (Paul): Yes.

3 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Mr. Landino?

4 THE WITNESS (Landino): Yes.

5 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Mr. Gustafson?

6 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Yes.

7 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Thank you. Do you have any  
8 amendments or modifications to offer to any of  
9 those exhibits at this time? Ms. Glidden?

10 THE WITNESS (Glidden): I do not.

11 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Mr. DiVito?

12 THE WITNESS (DiVito): Yes. One, one correction to the  
13 application under section three, subsection C,  
14 four alpha. So you'll see it's -- it's labeled as  
15 page 6. I think it's the third paragraph, the  
16 second line from the bottom.

17 It reads, 5.6 percent of the 84042 study  
18 area. That should read 8042. There's an extra  
19 four.

20 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Thank you. Any other modifications  
21 or amendments at this time?

22 THE WITNESS (DiVito): No.

23 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Thank you.

24 Mr. Margelot, do you have any modifications  
25 or amendments to those exhibits?

1 THE WITNESS (Margelot): Yes. On the zoning drawings  
2 on the page C2 I have the nearest resident at 250  
3 feet from center of tower to building edge, and it  
4 should be 703 feet.

5 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Thank you. Any other modifications  
6 or amendments at this time?

7 THE WITNESS (Margelot): No.

8 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Thank you. Mr. Paul, do you have  
9 any amendments or modifications to those exhibits?

10 THE WITNESS (Paul): I do not.

11 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Mr. Landino?

12 THE WITNESS (Landino): No.

13 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Mr. Gustafson?

14 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): No.

15 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: With those modifications, is the  
16 information contained in these exhibits true and  
17 accurate to the best of your knowledge?

18 Ms. Glidden?

19 THE WITNESS (Glidden): Yes.

20 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Mr. DiVito?

21 THE WITNESS (DiVito): Yes.

22 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Mr. Margelot?

23 THE WITNESS (Margelot): Yes.

24 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Mr. Paul?

25 THE WITNESS (Paul): Yes.

1 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Mr. Landino?

2 THE WITNESS (Landino): Yes.

3 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: And Mr. Gustafson?

4 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Yes.

5 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Do you adopt the information  
6 contained in those exhibits as your testimony in  
7 this proceeding? Ms. Glidden?

8 THE WITNESS (Glidden): Yes.

9 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Mr. DiVito?

10 THE WITNESS (DiVito): Yes.

11 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Mr. Margelot?

12 THE WITNESS (Margelot): Yes.

13 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Mr. Paul?

14 THE WITNESS (Paul): Yes.

15 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Mr. Landino?

16 THE WITNESS (Landino): Yes.

17 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: And Mr. Gustafson?

18 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Yes.

19 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Vice Chairman Morissette, I offer  
20 them as full exhibits, and we offer our Witnesses  
21 for cross-examination by the Council.

22 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney Schaefer.

23 Does any party or intervener object to the  
24 admission to the Applicant's exhibits?

25 Paska Nayden?

1 PASKA NAYDEN: I'm sorry. I'm trying to find the Zoom  
2 button here. Ask that again? I apologize. I was  
3 looking over some of the exhibits while the  
4 gentleman was talking.

5 THE VICE CHAIR: Do you have any objection?

6 PASKA NAYDEN: As of right now, no.

7 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you. The exhibits are hereby  
8 admitted. We will now begin with  
9 cross-examination of the Applicant by the Council,  
10 starting with Mr. Morrone, followed by  
11 Mr. Golembiewski. Mr. Morrone?

12 MR. MORRONE: Good afternoon. Thank you.

13 I'd like to start by asking if the Applicant  
14 has received any further comments from the Town or  
15 residents?

16 THE WITNESS (Paul): Brian Paul. No, we have not  
17 received anything to my knowledge at this time.

18 MR. MORRONE: Thank you.

19 Moving on, has the Applicant determined a  
20 location for its equipment staging or lay-down  
21 area during the course of construction?

22 THE WITNESS (Margelot): This is Jason Margelot with  
23 Airosmith.

24 There isn't a ton of equipment required, so  
25 it would be within the lease area.

1 MR. MORRONE: Okay. Thank you.

2 Approximately how many construction vehicles  
3 per day, and what type of vehicles will be  
4 expected to enter the site during construction?

5 THE WITNESS (Paul): Brian Paul. So there will be  
6 varying types of vehicles throughout the course of  
7 construction, vehicles ranging in size from a  
8 simple pickup truck up to a concrete truck, for  
9 example, or even a crane used to stack the tower.  
10 And those will vary depending on what stage of  
11 construction the project is in.

12 But each day there will be activity by at  
13 least one or two vehicles, again, pickup truck  
14 sized up to concrete truck, and even a crane.

15 MR. MORRONE: And looking at the site plans, could you  
16 indicate to me where these vehicles would be  
17 parked during construction?

18 THE WITNESS (Paul): Brian Paul again.

19 As Jason indicated, most of the work will  
20 take place in the immediate area at the base of  
21 where the tower will exist or within that lease  
22 area, or along the access road, proposed access  
23 road.

24 MR. MORRONE: Okay. How would this vehicular  
25 traffic -- sorry. How would construction affect

1 vehicle traffic on Route 169? And would any  
2 traffic management be required during the course  
3 of construction?

4 THE WITNESS (Paul): We don't believe any -- again,  
5 Brian Paul.

6 We don't believe any traffic management would  
7 be required as most of the vehicles will be on the  
8 property throughout the course of construction and  
9 very little on-and-off traffic, if you will. In  
10 other words, once a vehicle pulls into the site or  
11 into the area, they won't be consistently in and  
12 out of the property. They'll be on the property  
13 for the day, exiting at the end of the day.

14 MR. MORRONE: Thank you.

15 Referencing the response to council  
16 interrogatory number 51, would the timers for the  
17 lighting be manual or automatically controlled?

18 THE WITNESS (Paul): Brian Paul.

19 So, the lighting within the compound, which  
20 is typically only on the carrier's equipment, they  
21 are manual. They're usually on a one-hour timer.  
22 We can set them to a two-hour timer for  
23 convenience of the tech working on the site, but  
24 typically they're a one-hour timer set manually.

25 MR. MORRONE: Okay. And there would be no motion

1           activation for those?

2   **THE WITNESS (Paul):** It depends on -- on what the  
3           carrier asks for. We could put them on motion  
4           sensors. We prefer not to so that they aren't set  
5           off unnecessarily by any animal, or any wind that  
6           might blow something across the compound.

7           So, we prefer them to be manual.

8   **MR. MORRONE:** Thank you.

9           Referencing the response to council  
10          interrogatory number ten, which discusses a  
11          geotechnical investigation, approximately how long  
12          would that survey take to complete?

13   **THE WITNESS (Paul):** Brian Paul again.

14          That's typically a one-day process on site.

15   **MR. MORRONE:** Okay. Now, referencing responses 14, 18,  
16          and 41, and the future adoption of the 2024  
17          International Building Codes by the State, which  
18          have included an updated structural standard,  
19          which is now revision I for antenna-supporting  
20          structures and antennas; would the proposed tower  
21          antennas and antenna mounts still be compliant  
22          with the updated TIA-222-I design standards?

23   **THE WITNESS (Margelot):** This is Jason Margelot with  
24          Airosmith.

25          Everything would be designed to the current

1 applicable codes at the time of the design.

2 MR. MORRONE: I'm sorry. At the time of design, or  
3 time of construction?

4 THE WITNESS (Margelot): I'd say the time of design.

5 It could be construction if that was what would be  
6 required.

7 MR. MORRONE: Okay. Thank you.

8 What will be the direction of the stormwater  
9 runoff from the compound and access road?

10 THE WITNESS (Margelot): This is Jason Margelot with  
11 Airosmith.

12 It would pretty much follow the same route as  
13 now, but it would be pulled away from the access  
14 road and compound to avoid puddling.

15 MR. MORRONE: And would that proposed access road  
16 influence the stormwater velocity or the volume of  
17 the stormwater post-construction?

18 THE WITNESS (Margelot): This is Jason Margelot with  
19 Airosmith.

20 No, it would not.

21 MR. MORRONE: And would any runoff from the equipment  
22 compound flow towards wetland one?

23 THE WITNESS (Margelot): This is Jason Margelot with  
24 Airosmith.

25 No, it would not. It's all downhill from

1           there.

2   MR. MORRONE:   Could you please provide the distance and  
3           length of the underground utility interconnection?

4   THE WITNESS (Margelot):   It would be -- this is Jason  
5           Margelot with Airosmith.

6           It would be approximately 900 feet.

7   MR. MORRONE:   And would any additional utility poles be  
8           installed as part of that interconnection?

9   THE WITNESS (Margelot):   There would be a pole swap  
10          upgrade.

11   MR. MORRONE:   Thank you.

12           Would the generator or the generator concrete  
13          pad include any form of containment for leaking  
14          generator fluids?

15   THE WITNESS (Margelot):   This is Jason Margelot with  
16          Airosmith.

17           No, they would all be within the -- the tank  
18          and the enclosure.

19   MR. MORRONE:   Lastly, what measures can the Applicant  
20          take to deter bird nesting at the top of the  
21          tower?

22   THE WITNESS (Gustafson):   Matthew Gustafson with  
23          All-Points.

24           Generally, we do not propose bird deterrence.  
25          It's been recommended by the State Department of

1 Environmental and Energy Protection wildlife  
2 division that deterrents shouldn't be used as they  
3 can cause unnecessary risk of harm and mortality  
4 to -- to birds that would potentially be using any  
5 of these towers for either nesting and/or just  
6 resting spots.

7 In addition, in past history of trying to  
8 implement these, they have been found to largely  
9 be ineffective.

10 MR. MORRONE: Thank you.

11 That's all of the questions I had for today.

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

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

15 Mr. Golembiewski?

16 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Good afternoon, Vice Chair.

17 I have a few questions. The first one I'd  
18 like to follow up on Mr. Morrone's question about  
19 the utilities from Route 169. I just want to  
20 confirm whether they are overhead, up the access  
21 way and then underground at the compound? Or are  
22 they underground the entire way?

23 THE WITNESS (Margelot): This is Jason Margelot with  
24 Airosmith.

25 So, typically it would be overhead to the

1       closest utility pole, or whatever utility pole  
2       Eversource deems, and then it would go underground  
3       from there up the access road.

4   MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI:   Okay.   So, there would be at least  
5       some overhead section extending up the access  
6       road?

7   THE WITNESS (Margelot):   This is Jason Margelot.

8       No, there would not.

9   MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI:   Oh, okay.   So it's going to be  
10       entirely underground from essentially the Route  
11       169 right-of-way?

12   THE WITNESS (Margelot):   Yes.

13   MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI:   And then as I look at the plans, I  
14       do see exist -- on sheet, I guess, Z3-3.   I do see  
15       an existing overhead utility line.   I'm assuming  
16       that circle is a pole, and there is an easement.  
17       So, it would be if the underground utilities would  
18       be going up the north side of the access road?

19   THE WITNESS (Margelot):   Excuse me, Mr. Golembiewski.

20       I just want to clarify, did you say Z2 or Z3?

21   MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI:   Z3.3.   It says, grading plan  
22       continued.   Maybe that's not the best plan.

23   THE WITNESS (Margelot):   So, this is Jason Margelot  
24       with Airosmith.

25       It would actually come from Pole 2133 on the

1           northern side of the access road.

2   MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI:   Okay.

3   THE WITNESS (Margelot):   And then --

4   MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI:   And then?

5   THE WITNESS (Margelot):   They would go underground from  
6           there to travel through the right-of-way and then  
7           out the -- the proposed easement.

8   MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI:   Okay.   So, then if I scroll down to  
9           sheet Z7, at the top of that page there is a cross  
10          section of the access road.   And so, where would  
11          the utilities be in relation to this cross  
12          section?

13   THE WITNESS (Margelot):   It would be -- this is Jason  
14          Margelot.

15                 It would be outside of the swale.

16   MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI:   And when you say outside, if we're  
17          looking at this -- and let's just say this is,  
18          we're looking east from 169, down, down the  
19          property; that would be on the left, to the left  
20          of the little -- if you want to call it, swale,  
21          trapezoidal swale?

22   THE WITNESS (Margelot):   Yes.

23   MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI:   Okay.   Is there a stone wall in that  
24          area?

25   THE WITNESS (Margelot):   Yes, there is.

1 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: So, are you going -- so, is the  
2 stone wall being removed for some portion of that  
3 work?

4 THE WITNESS (Margelot): Yes, it -- it narrows as it  
5 travels towards the road. So, there is the  
6 potential of having to adjust the -- the stone  
7 wall.

8 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay.

9 THE WITNESS (Margelot): -- to ready it for -- for the  
10 work.

11 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. And then -- and that will be  
12 just removed from the site? Or will that be  
13 reestablished?

14 THE WITNESS (Margelot): So, I would assume that would  
15 be landlord discretion.

16 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. All right. So, if you're  
17 telling me it's going to be underground, as it  
18 goes past the wetlands or through the wetlands,  
19 the -- if I look on sheet Z-3.1, it would be  
20 basically between the swale, which I'm assuming is  
21 sort of in the area where those V's are -- there's  
22 V's on the north side of the road.

23 So, the underground utilities would be in a  
24 trench between the V's and the wetlands there?

25 THE WITNESS (Margelot): Correct.

1 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. And that would be within -- I  
2 see a utility easement 30-foot wide. And it would  
3 be within -- or I want to say south of that dashed  
4 line?

5 THE WITNESS (Margelot): Yes.

6 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. Is there any additional  
7 clearing that would be -- would need to be done?  
8 Because I know I'm seeing different trees that are  
9 proposed to be removed. Are those only for the  
10 road work? And then, are there additional trees  
11 that would need to be removed for that trench?

12 I'm assuming it's going to be two to four  
13 feet wide, the trench?

14 THE WITNESS (Margelot): No, there would be no  
15 additional tree clearing.

16 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. And then I guess while I'm on  
17 this sheet, would the swale on the north side of  
18 the road and the trench create -- or I guess on  
19 both sides of the road in this section where you  
20 have wetland, both north and south of the road, is  
21 that going to create a preferential pathway for  
22 groundwater to flow down the road, access road  
23 corridor and not flow from south to north, which  
24 I'm assuming that's what it's doing here based on  
25 the topo?

1 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Matt Gustafson with  
2 All-Points. I'll start this off and maybe Jason  
3 can -- can add some context or -- or additional  
4 information.

5 Much of the cross drainage between the two  
6 wetland resources identified as wetland one, as  
7 you mentioned, you know, as it drains south to  
8 north occurs subsurface. The swales, I think, are  
9 anticipated to be fairly shallow based on the  
10 grade and grading proposed. So, it's not  
11 anticipated that those would intercept that  
12 subsurface drainage.

13 To your point, certainly surface drainage  
14 accumulated on the road will be conveyed away from  
15 these wetlands as part of this proposed plan.

16 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. So, it's not going to really  
17 intercept the groundwater that's sort of connected  
18 through here, as currently?

19 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): That is correct. Matt --  
20 Matt Gustafson. That's correct.

21 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. All right. I'm going to stay  
22 on the wetland topic. I wanted to go to the  
23 photos from the response to interrogatories.  
24 Photo 5-B, and as I look at this photo, here we're  
25 basically standing in what I believe is considered

1       the existing access gravel/cobble road that the  
2       proposed access drive is going to follow?

3       THE WITNESS (Gustafson):   Matt Gustafson.

4               That is correct.

5       MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI:   So, I guess my question here is,  
6       what is the elevation difference between the  
7       wetlands to the north and south, and this roadway?  
8       Because it looks fairly vegetated and to, you  
9       know, if you have wetlands on both sides it looks  
10      fairly flat.

11             This roadway would have to be elevated  
12      significantly to not be considered at least like  
13      an aquent wetland soil.   Right?

14      THE WITNESS (Gustafson):   So, Matt Gustafson again.   I  
15      think I'll do the same thing where I'll -- I think  
16      I'll start us off, and then maybe Jason can  
17      provide some context on the proposed road.

18             But certainly, in the existing condition  
19      there is a grade change from the existing wetlands  
20      to the north and south, you know, only several  
21      feet.   But there is significant historic fill  
22      buildup within this road, likely put in place so  
23      the existing property owner and possibly historic  
24      farm use could -- could use this access road  
25      without issue of flooding soft -- soft surfaces.

1           So, to your point, it's currently not  
2           considered an aquent because there is enough fill.  
3           We're roughly approaching two feet of fill over  
4           any historic wetland material which pushes it out  
5           of that classification. But to your point, you  
6           know, we are -- there's surface capillary rise  
7           associated with the nearby wetlands and the -- the  
8           shallow groundwater at this location, but because  
9           of that significant historic fill within this  
10          travelway that does kick it out of it being  
11          considered a regulated wetland resource per  
12          Connecticut statues.

13       MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. And then I guess this is a  
14          followup to one of my earlier questions. As I  
15          look at this photo on the left, there's going to  
16          be the roadbed. There's going to be a swale on  
17          the left, and then there's going to be a utility,  
18          underground utility line.

19               And I guess -- I think I recall that no  
20          additional trees are going to be cleared for that.  
21          I guess, maybe my term -- I guess, maybe trees or  
22          woody vegetation. It looks like there will be  
23          some significant woody vegetation removed if  
24          they're going to go an additional four feet, plus  
25          or minus, north of the roadbed cross section.

1 THE WITNESS (Margelot): This is Jason Margelot with  
2 Airosmith.

3 Yes, that would be correct, that that would  
4 need to be cleared to perform that work.

5 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. And in the vicinity of the  
6 wetland, is that going to have, like, any  
7 additional adverse impact on the wetlands? I  
8 mean, you're getting fairly close to the wetland  
9 limits.

10 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Matthew Gustafson.

11 You're correct, we are. We're located in  
12 fairly close proximity to the wetlands associated  
13 with that temporary utility crossing. However, it  
14 is a temporary crossing and will be restored and  
15 allowed to naturally revegetate. So, while there  
16 will be a temporary impact, long term we're not  
17 expecting any significant impact.

18 In addition, it is a fairly, you know, we're  
19 talking, again, four feet. It is a fairly minor  
20 intrusion into the buffer upland habitat to that  
21 wetland. And therefore, we're not expecting that  
22 to result in any significant impact to -- to the  
23 buffer to that wetland.

24 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: So, for the excavation for the  
25 utility line, if there -- there will be natural

1 materials there that are probably highly organic  
2 or somewhat organic. Those materials are going to  
3 be stockpiled and put back on top? Or is there  
4 going to be some other better draining, or some  
5 other ground surface that will be put on top of  
6 the trench?

7 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): I think the expectation is  
8 that the surface, several inches, like you said,  
9 will be temporarily stockpiled adjacent to the  
10 trench on the upland side and replaced. So, that  
11 can be -- naturally revegetate with both, you  
12 know, the -- the suitable organic topsoil as well  
13 as any seed stock that's kind of naturally in that  
14 material to allow it to naturally revegetate.

15 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay.

16 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Subsurface, maybe Jason can  
17 speak to what will be required to fill below that  
18 encasing the -- the conduits.

19 THE WITNESS (Margelot): This is Jason Margelot with  
20 Airosmith.

21 Yeah, it would typically be stone fill.

22 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. All right. Thank you.

23 I have a question in regards to the visual  
24 assessment. And I was going to use photo eight,  
25 which I believe is almost directly in front of the

1 property on Route 169 looking from the road  
2 directly east towards the property.

3 Am I reading the map correctly?

4 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Just to clarify, Mr. Golembiewski,  
5 you're referring to attachment nine, the  
6 application visual assessment?

7 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Correct.

8 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: And you said photo eight?

9 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Correct. Photo eight, yes.

10 THE WITNESS (Landino): This is Rick Ladino with  
11 All-Points Tech.

12 Photo eight is due west of the property.

13 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. So, looking east?

14 THE WITNESS (Landino): Yeah.

15 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. So, where is this? Is eight  
16 in the vicinity of the access road, the proposed  
17 access road?

18 THE WITNESS (Landino): So, please just give me one  
19 second to verify?

20 It is. It is -- thank you. It is in the  
21 vicinity. It's probably -- I could tell you how  
22 far away it is.

23 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Well, it says .19 miles --

24 THE WITNESS (Landino): From that --

25 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: -- to the site.

1 THE WITNESS (Landino): From the access road.

2 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. So, my -- I guess my basic  
3 question in this photo is that the treeline here  
4 looks like it's covering at least the lower -- I  
5 don't know -- let's say, half of the tower.

6 When construction is done for the access  
7 road, is there going to be any change to this sort  
8 of treeline? I mean, in the foreground and the  
9 background? Or -- and/or?

10 THE WITNESS (Landino): Okay. I know what you're  
11 saying. Yeah. So, from this view, you're looking  
12 kind of -- the access road will be southeast of  
13 this. So, you're kind of looking to the right,  
14 and that will be your access road over there.

15 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay.

16 THE WITNESS (Landino): There's a pretty healthy tree  
17 buffer there existing today. So, I don't think  
18 you'll see any substantial changes --

19 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay.

20 THE WITNESS (Landino): -- with that access road,  
21 especially from this view. I don't even believe  
22 that access road will kind of be in between. In  
23 between -- it's not really in between your line of  
24 sight from this view.

25 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay.

1 THE WITNESS (Landino): Furthermore -- may I add one  
2 more thing from this view, too? If you were to  
3 take a couple steps to the left or to the right,  
4 your view here substantially changes with these,  
5 these trees on both sides. You know it would be  
6 less of -- less of a visual impact.

7 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. I had -- I appreciate that.  
8 I had one larger question.

9 Would there be any -- I guess it's a larger  
10 site. I forget if it's 52 or 55 acres. Is there  
11 any reason why there would be less visibility  
12 utilizing, say, a portion of the property south of  
13 where it's proposed?

14 THE WITNESS (Landino): Rick Landino, All-Points Tech.

15 It's -- it is a large -- it is a large  
16 parcel. It's hard to say what -- the visibility  
17 will change for sure if you move it. I can't sit  
18 here and look at it and say what it will be  
19 without doing all the same -- we've done a lot of  
20 studies for this particular location, but it will  
21 be a different view. I can't say if it will be,  
22 you know, better or worse, I guess.

23 Maybe -- from that particular location, it  
24 will be further away, certainly.

25 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. And so, if it was -- so, I

1       guess my question is, if it was placed further to  
2       the east, say in photo eight, it would just -- the  
3       tower would be lower, right?

4       THE WITNESS (Landino): That is a fair assumption. I  
5       would say so, yeah.

6       MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Because the property is going down?  
7       Okay.

8       THE WITNESS (Landino): Yeah, yeah.

9       MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Is there any specific reason why the  
10      tower wasn't proposed at the -- further east on  
11      the property?

12      THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Matt Gustafson.

13               Yes, we evaluated several locations on the  
14      property, not only to the east, but to your point  
15      to the south, as well as shifting it within its  
16      general location closer to the north or west as  
17      well. Where it's currently situated is in a  
18      general area of forest clearing, certainly some  
19      scrub shrub and open field habitat. However, it  
20      doesn't require any significant tree clearing.

21               There's several constraints, environmental  
22      constraints on this site, one being the wetlands  
23      we've already discussed, which are located, you  
24      know, to the north and west of the existing  
25      compound. In addition, the site is currently used

1 for agricultural practices, which is that big open  
2 field to the east of the -- the compound.

3 Associated with -- with that agricultural use,  
4 there's also some areas of state -- statewide  
5 important farmland and prime farmland soils.

6 So, moving that tower to the east would  
7 result in greater impacts to those important and  
8 prime farmland soils. You could say the same if  
9 we shifted it to the south. And certainly, if you  
10 shift it to the north or west, it puts you within  
11 that hundred-foot buffer, too, to the wetlands  
12 located aside.

13 So, during our evaluation of the -- of the  
14 suitable location on this site, we determined that  
15 this location results in the least environmental  
16 impact while balancing all of those different  
17 factors.

18 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Okay. I appreciate the panel's  
19 answers. Thank you, Mr. Morissette -- oh, Vice  
20 Chair Morissette. I am all done.

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

22 We'll now continue with cross-examination by  
23 Mr. Nguyen followed by Mr. Carter.

24 Mr. Nguyen, please?

25 MR. NGUYEN: Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair Morissette. And

1 good afternoon, panel.

2 Let me start with the viewshed -- just follow  
3 up with Mr. Golembiewski's questions. Now, the  
4 company used the viewshed model, computer model to  
5 illustrate the view in this record.

6 Is that correct?

7 THE WITNESS (Landino): This is Rick Landino.

8 Correct.

9 MR. NGUYEN: Now, to the extent that to verify the  
10 model, the accuracy of the model, then we usually  
11 don't know until the post construction. In  
12 between, is there some sort of a, you know,  
13 old-school crane with a balloon to verify that  
14 view, an analog?

15 THE WITNESS (Landino): Certainly. Again, Rick  
16 Landino, All-Points Tech.

17 Kind of our process, when we -- before we go  
18 out and do the field analysis, we have what we  
19 will call a preliminary viewshed model, which only  
20 accounts for pretty much raw data, contours, tree  
21 heights, and the height of the tower. So, we go  
22 out with that information.

23 When I'm out photographing the site, I'm kind  
24 of truthing the model, seeing if visibility pops  
25 up where it's not predicting it, and then seeing

1 where maybe it's predicting visibility where there  
2 is not. So, after that we're recording all that  
3 information. And so, what you have here, this  
4 final viewshed model is -- is all of that field  
5 work integrated into the final.

6 MR. NGUYEN: And in your opinion, that's going to be  
7 pretty accurate?

8 THE WITNESS (Landino): I find it to be very accurate  
9 at this stage. Anything that I could -- let me  
10 say this. Any -- we are looking at  
11 publicly-accessed roads. So, I could -- any --  
12 anything I could observe with my feet on the  
13 ground, we record, and anything I might see where  
14 we think something in a field might be different,  
15 we'll record that, too.

16 MR. NGUYEN: But what I'm trying to get at also is  
17 perhaps an understanding that, you know, again, as  
18 I said, the old school with the crane and the  
19 balloon. I think it has a better reception from  
20 the public that you can see where is it located.

21 THE WITNESS (Landino): Uh-huh.

22 MR. NGUYEN: So, your thought on why not having the  
23 crane with the balloon?

24 THE WITNESS (Landino): Well, we -- for this visibility  
25 analysis, we did go out with a balloon. That's

1       how I -- that's how I truthed it. If you look at  
2       the documentation portion of the doc and sim,  
3       you'll see the balloon with a little arrow pointed  
4       to it.

5       MR. NGUYEN: Okay.

6       THE WITNESS (Landino): Some -- some of them, they're  
7       hard to see, but the little red arrow will show  
8       you where the balloon was at the time of our doc  
9       sim, our field work.

10      MR. NGUYEN: Now, moving on to prime land and  
11      state-wide important farmland soil. And looking  
12      at the farmland soil map in attachment number 13,  
13      first of all, a couple questions to where -- to  
14      understand this, this map.

15             Right on the top, within the 30-feet-wide  
16      access and utilities easement -- for the record,  
17      could you explain that 30-feet-wide access and  
18      utility easement?

19      THE WITNESS (Margelot): This is Jason Margelot with  
20      Airosmith.

21             That's kind of industry typical, just because  
22      you want room for utilities, the access road and  
23      any sort of improvements that may need to be  
24      required in the future. It's more of a buffer, a  
25      safety buffer for the future.

1 MR. NGUYEN: Now, referencing the same map and  
2 referencing answer to interrogatory 56, it  
3 indicates that 0.6 acres of the farmland and  
4 statewide important farmland soil of 0.42 acres of  
5 state-wide importance farmland soil. And there's  
6 a 0.46 acres of prime farmland soil -- will be  
7 disturbed. Now, you, the company testified  
8 earlier that by moving, you know, to the east, to  
9 the north, could affect more of the soil.

10 I'm looking at the map and looking at a  
11 scenario where the tower is moving further to the  
12 south. Would that be less disturbing? Perhaps it  
13 could only -- not affect the prime farmland soil  
14 right where the 169 label is. It's a long  
15 question.

16 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Sure, and hopefully I'm  
17 understanding your question correctly. You know,  
18 we were really evaluating when I recommended --  
19 Matt Gustafson again, for the record.

20 In my previous testimony referencing  
21 relocating or potentially evaluating different  
22 locations on the property, we were primarily  
23 looking at areas that would result in -- or not  
24 result in any more significant wetland impacts.  
25 Certainly, theirs is a large property. You could,

1       you know, look all over the property.

2       Realistically, where we're looking at is areas  
3       directly to the south of the proposed location,  
4       east, north and west.

5               Certainly, if you move to the far southern  
6       stretches of the property where you have  
7       additional agricultural fields, and to your point,  
8       more prime land soils, again, you know, that  
9       entire location is currently encumbered by your  
10      prime farmland soils. So, you would result in,  
11      you know, at least equivalent levels of impacts in  
12      that far southern area.

13             The -- the setback or the -- the drawback to  
14      a location to the far southern extents of the  
15      property is that you do not, you know, that those  
16      fields do not contain any of the intercepting  
17      vegetative buffer that we've been discussing that  
18      is partially shielding the bottom portion of the  
19      tower. So, it would increase, or would likely, or  
20      we anticipate increased visibility to any  
21      locations down at the southern extents of -- of  
22      the property.

23             Furthermore, this would also encumber the  
24      current agricultural uses that the property is  
25      providing. These fields are actively used fields.

1           So, using any of those areas would -- would be  
2           detrimental to the current use of the property.

3   MR. NGUYEN:   And for the record, could you explain,  
4           looking at the map right above, that 169 that's  
5           there in the map? For the record, could you  
6           explain what is that property?

7   THE WITNESS (Gustafson):  If I'm understanding you  
8           correctly, it looks like that 169 on the figure  
9           you're referencing is associated with the  
10          residency that's kind of blocked out. That  
11          residency is common ownership to the property that  
12          we are proposing for the current facility.

13                I believe that is additional field and kind  
14          of maintained areas associated with that residency  
15          because they are common ownership.

16   MR. NGUYEN:  And moving on to the backup generator, and  
17           I guess this question is for Cellco, but also for  
18           the Applicant as well. Is there a natural gas  
19           line in the vicinity of the area that could be  
20           utilized for backup generators?

21   THE WITNESS (Glidden):  This is Liz Glidden from  
22          Verizon.

23                No, there is not natural gas available.

24   MR. NGUYEN:  Okay. Thank you panel. And that's all I  
25          have, Mr. Morissette.

1 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Nguyen.

2 We'll now continue with cross-examination by  
3 Mr. Carter followed by Mr. Syme.

4 Good afternoon, Mr. Syme.

5 Mr. Carter, please?

6 MR. CARTER: Good afternoon, Mr. Vice chair, and good  
7 afternoon to the panel and staff. I won't take  
8 long, because we've had some good questions  
9 already asked.

10 The first one that I have is looking at  
11 question eleven of the interrogatories regarding  
12 co-location. I know that the Applicant had noted  
13 that the Town hasn't expressed any interest in  
14 co-location, but has the Applicant reached out to  
15 state police or the resident trooper out in  
16 Woodstock to see if there's any interest in  
17 co-location for law enforcement or emergency  
18 services?

19 THE WITNESS (Paul): This is Brian Paul with Vertical  
20 Bridge.

21 We have not had any contact at this point  
22 with any of the emergency facilities in the area.  
23 Again, we have contacted the property  
24 authorities -- the property -- proper authorities  
25 in the Town, and we suspect that they'll notify

1       their emergency services folks to notify them  
2       of -- of our installation. We also welcome their  
3       co-location on the tower free of charge, and  
4       always design our towers to allow for municipal  
5       antennas on the system.

6   MR. CARTER: Thank you. And as a followup to that, I  
7       did see that there is the ability to have two -- I  
8       believe it's two additional carriers have antennas  
9       placed on the proposed tower.

10            I'm assuming that having municipal or law  
11       enforcement or emergency services wouldn't impact  
12       the two spaces available. Am I correct?

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

14            Yes, you are correct.

15   MR. CARTER: Question number 19, which was looking at  
16       the potential for painting or making the tower  
17       more stealth -- stealthy, I suppose. I did see in  
18       the answer that there was a good point about the  
19       potential use of a silo. I'm just wondering if  
20       you all can give more clarification as regarding  
21       to the height and width as to it looked like if we  
22       want a less wide silo, we need a taller silo if we  
23       were to go a silo route.

24            So, I'm just wondering if we can get some  
25       more clarification on that?

1 THE WITNESS (Landino): Rick Landino, All-Points Tech.

2 Yeah, we -- we did look at the option for a  
3 silo and what we determined is, you know, we -- at  
4 the end of the day, I think it would draw more  
5 attention to the silo than as it stands today with  
6 the proposed tower.

7 To accommodate the antennas inside that are  
8 being proposed now, the tower would -- the silo  
9 would have to either be abnormally wide or you  
10 would have to go up higher. And usually silos in  
11 Connecticut are 50, 60 feet already. This is, you  
12 know, at least 150 feet in either a very wide 150  
13 feet or you'd have to go higher.

14 So, we figured it would be more of -- more --  
15 it would attract more eyes than camouflage it.

16 MR. CARTER: Thank you.

17 Mr. Vice Chair, that's all that I have. I  
18 will yield back some time. Thank you.

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

20 We'll now continue with cross-examination by  
21 Mr. Syme, followed by Mr. Lynch. Mr. Syme, good  
22 afternoon.

23 MR. SYME: Good afternoon. I have no questions. I'm  
24 familiar with the property this is going on, and I  
25 have no concerns at this time.

1 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Thank you.

2 We'll now continue with cross-examination by  
3 Mr. Lynch, followed by myself. Mr. Lynch, good  
4 afternoon.

5 MR. LYNCH: I have a few questions, Mr. Morissette.

6 The first one -- and I forget what  
7 interrogatory it was, but you said that there  
8 would be maintenance at the site, I think, every  
9 two weeks and you would run the diesel and diesel  
10 generator for 20 minutes.

11 My question is, after those 20 minutes, it  
12 looks like twice a month, does that diesel  
13 generator get topped off?

14 THE WITNESS (Paul): I'll take that. This is Brian  
15 Paul.

16 Typically, the reason for running that  
17 generator is just to ensure that it's operating  
18 properly and in case of emergency. So, it doesn't  
19 get immediately topped off. That's at the  
20 discretion of Verizon themselves, but typically,  
21 from what I've seen in my experience, I would say  
22 that depending on its use in between those run  
23 cycles, if we had an emergency situation where the  
24 generator needed to run, it does have alarming on  
25 it.

1           There is a low-fuel alarm. There is a sensor  
2           that tells us when the tank needs to be topped  
3           off. So, it's monitored that way and filled as  
4           needed. It's not filled each and every time that  
5           it's run.

6   MR. LYNCH: You kind of leaned into my next question.  
7           If we have a storm coming up, a nor'easter or  
8           something like that and the generator has been  
9           topped off -- or hasn't been topped off, would  
10          there be an emergency to go out there and top it  
11          off?

12   THE WITNESS (Paul): Again, Brian Paul.

13           No. Generators aren't typically topped off  
14          before a storm. And again, there they're  
15          monitored constantly for their fuel levels.  
16          Again, that the generator would run for as long as  
17          it could run until it reached about a 20 percent  
18          fill rate. And then what happens is Verizon would  
19          then send their fuel teams out and start fueling  
20          as needed across the state.

21           So, it's not -- it's not individual top-offs.  
22          Right? It's -- in an emergency situation it's all  
23          hands on deck to fuel anywhere that it's needed.

24   MR. LYNCH: I'm going to stick with the generator for  
25          two more questions. The first one is, I

1 understand you have a 50-kW generator that you  
2 said is not big enough to share, but a hundred kW  
3 would be. Why don't you just put in a hundred kW,  
4 because that's a pretty deserted area out there?

5 You're probably going to have other carriers  
6 coming in and asking for, you know, a place on the  
7 tower. Wouldn't it be easier to put a hundred-kW  
8 generator there that could be shared?

9 THE WITNESS (Paul): Yeah. Again, Brian Paul.

10 Typically, each carrier supplies their own  
11 generator for their backup service. To -- to  
12 install a hundred-kW generator on Verizon's lease  
13 area can be a little bit cumbersome in that also  
14 Verizon would have to maintain it, fuel it and  
15 supply services for that generator for other  
16 carriers.

17 And then I think in the spirit of  
18 competition, they probably don't want to help  
19 their adversaries and supply (unintelligible) --

20 MR. LYNCH: The reason I bring it up --

21 THE WITNESS (Paul): -- that as well.

22 MR. LYNCH: -- is because I forget which interrogatory  
23 it is, but you do state that you'd be willing to  
24 share a larger generator with a new carrier. I  
25 forget which interrogatory number it is, but you

1 know, you do -- the Applicant does state that.

2 THE WITNESS (Glidden): This is Liz Glidden with  
3 Verizon Wireless.

4 It's true that we can share generators.  
5 Typically, it's not favored because if there was a  
6 single -- we're trying to eliminate any single  
7 source of failure. So, if one generator were to  
8 go out, run out of fuel, be problematic for any  
9 reason, that means that all three or more carriers  
10 would also be going out.

11 So, usually each carrier has their own, but  
12 yes, it -- it could be shared, and -- and in some  
13 very unusual circumstances, generators are shared.

14 MR. LYNCH: The panel seems to be leading into my next  
15 questions here. The trenches that are built for  
16 utilities, is that going to handle the electrical  
17 end, your fiber optic telephone line? Is that  
18 going to be one trench, or two?

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

20 That will be one trench.

21 MR. LYNCH: Now, here's my question. If that fiber  
22 optic telephone line, trunk line goes down, your  
23 whole cell site is dead. Do you have any  
24 provisions of working with the phone company to  
25 get that, to get the site back up with the -- so

1           you have the ability to operate?

2   THE WITNESS (Paul):  Yeah.  Brian Paul again.

3           So, we always run a spare conduit from the  
4   road to the -- to the site.  If need be, we would  
5   work with the phone company or the fiber provider  
6   at that time to pull in a new line, should that  
7   first line be damaged or broken or inoperable.

8           So, we have a pathway to do that.  It's  
9   not -- there isn't any redundancy, though, if  
10   that's your question.

11  MR. LYNCH:  Well, yes, that was part of my question.

12           But my real question is, why don't you have a plan  
13   in place to work with the telephone company if  
14   that main trunk line goes down?

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

16           I would say we -- again, it's up to each  
17   carrier as they install.

18  MR. LYNCH:  I'm going to stop you right there.

19  THE WITNESS (Paul):  Yeah?

20  MR. LYNCH:  I don't care how many carriers are on the  
21   tower, but if the telephone line goes down, you've  
22   got nothing.  You know?  So, it doesn't really  
23   matter how many carriers or how many generators  
24   you have at the site.  You've got to have a plan  
25   in place to get that trunk line back.

1 THE WITNESS (Paul): I don't -- Brian Paul, again.

2 I don't disagree with you. And again,  
3 there's no built-in redundancy with the phone  
4 company. You get one trunk to the site and  
5 that's -- that's typically all you get. And if it  
6 breaks, you -- they pull a new one in. That's --  
7 that's the only option that I'm aware of in my  
8 30-plus years of doing this.

9 MR. LYNCH: All right. I'll take that.

10 Now, the AI -- would you need, with the  
11 influx of AI for data and streaming -- and they're  
12 building data centers all over the country. Would  
13 you need any extra capacity on the towers, or any  
14 new antennas to handle what's coming from the AI?

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

17 At this time, I haven't heard any plans to  
18 implement new technology, more radios, different  
19 antennas to offset any kind of capacity demand  
20 from AI.

21 MR. LYNCH: But from what I understand, there will be  
22 an influx in capacity once AI is really up and  
23 running. So, are you planning ahead for that?

24 THE WITNESS (DiVito): Not at -- this is Kip DiVito  
25 with Verizon Wireless. Not at this time.

1 MR. LYNCH: All right. Now, have you had any problems  
2 on any of your cell sites with animals breaking  
3 into the site?

4 THE WITNESS (Paul): This is Brian Paul speaking for  
5 Vertical Bridge.

6 No, not in this part of the country that I'm  
7 aware of. We haven't given them the combination  
8 to our gate.

9 MR. LYNCH: But if it's a big bear, he doesn't need it.

10 All right. Mr. Morissette, those are all my  
11 questions.

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

13 Okay. I'd like to start my questioning with  
14 the site selection report. I believe it's tab  
15 eight. Now my first question is, that in  
16 communication with the Town, the Town requested  
17 that the site be located at number 26 on your site  
18 selection report, 49 Paine District Road. And  
19 according to the notes, it says the ground  
20 elevation was lower. It couldn't provide adequate  
21 coverage on 169; would not help offload Woodstock  
22 re-lo. And I can see that it's further east. So,  
23 it's getting further away from your coverage area.

24 But there was also another Town of Woodstock  
25 site, number 17 at 24 Frog Pond Road. And I'm

1           curious as to why the Town wasn't interested in  
2           that one.

3   THE WITNESS (Glidden):   This is Liz Glidden with  
4           Verizon Wireless.

5           I'm going to have to do a little homework,  
6           take that back as a homework assignment.

7   THE VICE CHAIR:   Okay.   Ms. Glidden, could you have a  
8           response after the break, please?

9   THE WITNESS (Glidden):   Yes, I will do my best.

10   THE VICE CHAIR:   Great.   Thank you.

11           Okay.   My next question is relating to  
12           question 54.   And it has to do with the access  
13           road, and I'll just plainly and simply lay it out.  
14           Would it help with the two wetlands, with the flow  
15           to install a culvert between the two wetlands  
16           underneath the access road?

17   THE WITNESS (Gustafson):   Matthew Gustafson.

18           If I could get clarification, how do you mean  
19           improved?   You mean, from a drainage condition of  
20           the road itself, or drainage improvement between  
21           the wetlands?

22   THE VICE CHAIR:   Well, I was thinking between the  
23           wetlands to help, more or less to help the  
24           wetlands to expand or survive, whatever that may  
25           be.

1 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Thank you for the  
2 clarification. Again, Matt Gustafson for the  
3 record.

4 Kind of per my previous testimony, much of  
5 the -- the drainage between these two wetlands  
6 occurs currently subsurface, you know, vis-a-vis  
7 within the soil media itself. We're not currently  
8 seeing significant impoundments on the uphill  
9 side. That would kind of allude to your question  
10 of poor drainage conditions.

11 Furthermore, even if there is some  
12 impoundment, you would risk -- to your question,  
13 if you installed a culvert, you would risk  
14 altering the drainage to both the drained wetland  
15 as well as the receiving portion of the wetland  
16 there, where -- whereby potentially creating less  
17 hydrology in the drained wetland and increasing  
18 hydrology and flooding to the receiving wetland.

19 So, we evaluated the potential because  
20 there's not really any existing issues with the  
21 road. We didn't feel it was necessary to install  
22 a culvert at this time.

23 THE VICE CHAIR: Okay. Thank you for that.

24 Okay. Relating to question 58, it was  
25 talking about flooding. Now the way I understand

1       it, you're a pretty good distance away from Little  
2       River. So, there's no concern about the hundred  
3       or 500-year flood zone. Is that correct?

4       **THE WITNESS (Gustafson):** That is correct. No portion  
5       of the site is currently within a FEMA-mapped  
6       hundred or 500-year flood zone.

7       **THE VICE CHAIR:** Okay. Thank you.

8               And one clarifying question that seems to be  
9       talking about the emergency generator -- two  
10      things. It was specified that there are alarms on  
11      the fuel tank. Is the alarm just to measure the  
12      fuel levels? Or is it also to indicate that if  
13      there is a loss of fuel, via the containment, that  
14      an alarm will go off?

15             So, in other words, is there a loss of fuel  
16      alarm?

17      **THE WITNESS (Paul):** Yeah. This is Brian Paul again.

18             Yes, there is not only a low-fuel alarm, a  
19      fuel-level alarm, but there's also an overfill  
20      alarm. So, if a spillage were to occur due to  
21      overfilling, yes, it would occur.

22      **THE VICE CHAIR:** Okay. Great. And the generators,  
23      they're self-contained with the fuel tank. That's  
24      my understanding. Correct?

25      **THE WITNESS (Paul):** Brian Paul again.

1           Yes, that's correct. The fuel tank has a  
2           dual bladder to it. So, anything that leaks  
3           outside of the main tank falls into that outside  
4           bladder and can be contained that way.

5   THE VICE CHAIR: Okay. So, in essence, that's your  
6           secondary containment?

7   THE WITNESS (Paul): Correct.

8   THE VICE CHAIR: Okay. And is the alarm on the  
9           secondary containment? Or is it on the fuel tank  
10          itself?

11   THE WITNESS (Paul): Again, Brian Paul.

12           I'd have to double check on that for you. I,  
13          off the top of my head, I would say it's on the  
14          main fuel filling portion of the tank.

15   THE VICE CHAIR: Okay. But the point is that it's  
16          measured and it's alarmed if there was a loss of  
17          fuel. That that's my major concern. I think it's  
18          everybody's concern.

19   THE WITNESS (Paul): Right.

20   THE VICE CHAIR: To ensure that there's no spill and  
21          that it's picked up. So, thank you. There's no  
22          need to follow up.

23           Okay. That concludes my line of questioning  
24          here this afternoon. So, we are going to take --  
25          let's do a 15-minute break. We'll come back at

1           3:40, and we'll continue with the hearing and  
2           we'll continue with cross-examination of the  
3           Applicant by the Intervener Paska Nayden. And we  
4           have one follow-up question to take care of during  
5           the break.

6           So, thank you, everyone. We'll see you at  
7           3:40 to continue the hearing. Thank you.

8  
9                       (Pause: 3:25 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.)

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11   THE VICE CHAIR: Okay. Thank you, everyone. Welcome  
12           back.

13           Is the Court Reporter with us?

14   THE REPORTER: I am, and we are on the record.

15   THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you. So, we are back on the  
16           record.

17           Ms. Glidden, do you have a response for us?

18   THE WITNESS (Glidden): I don't. For the record, this  
19           is Liz Glidden, Verizon Wireless.

20           I -- I looked -- went back to look at the  
21           notes, and the only information I have is that the  
22           Town of Woodstock was not interested in leasing to  
23           us for that property. I can't opine as to why  
24           that was.

25   THE VICE CHAIR: Okay. Let me ask a question in a

1 different manner. Given that the site is much  
2 further than this site, further south, does  
3 that -- encroaching on Woodstock South, does that  
4 site not work because it is increasing the, I'll  
5 call it, the double coverage from Woodstock South?

6 THE WITNESS (Glidden): This is Liz Glidden.

7 It would, in fact, create some double  
8 coverage, although I can't speak to which ring  
9 came first. So, it's possible that if this is  
10 available, we could have shifted to a certain  
11 degree, but I really don't have that answer.

12 I don't know if Kip --

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

15 The candidate was actually selected for this  
16 site before the Woodstock South site. So, we  
17 chose this one where it is now beforehand. So, if  
18 we were to move it closer, you would end up with  
19 most likely more interference than where we are  
20 now. So, right now, where we are now is an  
21 appropriate location.

22 THE VICE CHAIR: Okay. Great. All right. Well, thank  
23 you, and thank you for looking into that over the  
24 break.

25 Okay. We will now continue with

1 cross-examination of the Applicants by Intervenor  
2 Paska Nayden. Ms. Nayden?

3 PASKA NAYDEN: Thank you. Thank you so much. This has  
4 been very educational and very informative, and I  
5 appreciate the really smart questions that have  
6 been asked thus far.

7 And I apologize I did not have an opportunity  
8 to go through everything that was submitted by  
9 your organization. So, I apologize if it's a  
10 redundant question. And if it is redundant, just  
11 point me to that you've answered this, and I'll be  
12 more than happy to review it tonight.

13 And with the Council's permission and the  
14 Vice Chair's permission, if there are questions  
15 that I can't get to today, I would like to  
16 formally just put them in an e-mail for  
17 consideration. Is that fair?

18 THE VICE CHAIR: Well, today is your opportunity to  
19 cross-examine. So, if there's an opportunity --  
20 if you ask some questions and they can't  
21 respond --

22 PASKA NAYDEN: Correct.

23 THE VICE CHAIR: -- they will follow up with a  
24 response. But as far as asking additional  
25 questions after today, I'm going to ask Attorney

1           Bachman. I don't think that fits into our  
2           schedule --

3 PASKA NAYDEN: Okay.

4 THE VICE CHAIR: -- for additional questions to be  
5           asked at a future hearing, but you will be  
6           testifying at the next hearing.

7           Okay. With that, Attorney Bachman, any  
8           comments on that?

9 ATTORNEY BACHMAN: Thank you, Vice Chair Morissette.

10           We will develop another schedule for  
11           additional pre-filed testimony and interrogatories  
12           in advance of a continued evidentiary hearing  
13           session where we continue cross of Applicant by  
14           the Council and Ms. Nayden could occur, and  
15           cross-examination of Ms. Nayden could occur by the  
16           Applicant and the Siting Council. Thank you.

17 THE VICE CHAIR: Okay. So, with that, Ms. Nayden, you  
18           will have the opportunity to ask additional  
19           interrogatories if you don't get to them today,  
20           but please ensure that you follow the pre-hearing  
21           memo as to what the due date is on those  
22           interrogatories.

23 PASKA NAYDEN: Absolutely. Absolutely. And like I  
24           said, maybe some of my questions that I've noted  
25           while we were talking have been already addressed.

1           So, number one -- let me just start.

2   **THE VICE CHAIR:** Please continue.

3   **PASKA NAYDEN:** That's okay. Number one, has Verizon  
4           fully utilized all available spectrum bands? I'm  
5           talking about the 700, 850, and 1800, and all  
6           remaining equipment positioned on the existing  
7           towers such as the Woodstock low tower for  
8           applying for this? Are we at capacity?

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

11               Not all surrounding sites have a full load  
12           out of our spectrum. We have plans to do that and  
13           we are still seeking this site. And as you'll see  
14           in our -- the application that we submitted in the  
15           beginning for the need of the site, we said that  
16           this site was primarily a coverage site, not  
17           necessarily just a capacity site.

18               So, even if you do have all the frequencies  
19           loaded on all surrounding sites, that doesn't  
20           necessarily give you more footprint. That's just  
21           more capacity.

22   **PASKA NAYDEN:** Okay. Have you provided an independent  
23           objective coverage map that actually shows the  
24           actual service gaps that cannot be addressed with  
25           what you have? When you're talking about

1 coverage -- right? So, do we have an independent  
2 coverage map?

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

5 We did provide coverage maps, All-Points, by  
6 All-Points. I don't know the attachment number  
7 offhand.

8 A VOICE: Six.

9 THE WITNESS (DiVito): Six. So, we did provide  
10 coverage. And you'll see in attachment six, you  
11 know, that the very first two pages, the  
12 700-megahertz coverage plots, you'll see that  
13 since 700 megahertz has the largest footprint of  
14 all frequencies, the first -- the first page shows  
15 that there's a coverage gap there.

16 So, any other existing frequency would have a  
17 smaller footprint. So, the 700 megahertz there  
18 shows that we don't have coverage in that area, or  
19 poor coverage in that area.

20 PASKA NAYDEN: Yeah, you have poor coverage, you're  
21 saying. Was that from a model or was that  
22 actually analysis done physically on site?

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

25 This is an analysis through tools that we use

1 in the industry that are highly calibrated for --  
2 for modeling our networks.

3 PASKA NAYDEN: Okay. Talking to people from that  
4 vicinity and the different various points, they  
5 have not noted coverage. So, that's why we're  
6 very focused on understanding actual independent  
7 coverage objective maps would be very helpful.  
8 I'm going to move on to another question.

9 I'm very concerned about wetlands, as it  
10 definitely appeared from the other key speakers  
11 talking about wetlands and the adjacent north  
12 running brook. Have we obtained the independent  
13 soil scientist's wetland delineation reports to  
14 confirm and mitigate any of these impacts?

15 You're moving things around. You're moving  
16 soil around. You're building roads. You're  
17 building underground structures to house the  
18 conduit wires and stuff. How -- I mean, I'm very  
19 concerned about the soil over there and the impact  
20 to soil, and the impact to water in the  
21 neighboring community.

22 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Matthew Gustafson.

23 We have provided a wetland inspection  
24 delineation report as part of Exhibit 1, the  
25 application attachment eleven that details the

1 wetland delineation performed on site.

2 To address your two other comments, there are  
3 no direct wetland impacts proposed by the project.  
4 And as testified previously to by -- by  
5 Mr. Margelot, the existing drainage patterns are  
6 going to be largely unaffected as a result of the  
7 construction of the facility and will mimic  
8 preconstruction conditions.

9 PASKA NAYDEN: Okay. So, this was all done by your  
10 organization? Or is there an independently-hired  
11 organization that did that?

12 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): All-Points Technology  
13 performed the wetland delineation on the site.

14 PASKA NAYDEN: Okay.

15 THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Matthew Gustafson, for the  
16 record. Sorry.

17 PASKA NAYDEN: Okay. Sorry.

18 I'm going to talk about something else right  
19 now a little bit different from wetlands. Again,  
20 I've been looking at telecom and cumulative  
21 radiofrequency impact on overall health, wellness,  
22 environment, including other factors.

23 The proposed tower, from looking at these  
24 charts, you're about 30 to 35 miles from the KBOX  
25 NEXRAD radar, the massive station in

1       Massachusetts. Have you guys looked at the impact  
2       of what that has to this tower, or the other  
3       towers that you're proposing? Because I know  
4       you -- there's two towers being proposed. Right?

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

7               We are a licensed carrier, so that means that  
8       we are licensed by the federal government to hold  
9       these frequencies and we are only allowed to  
10      operate in those frequencies. And the same goes  
11      for all the other carriers.

12             So, other carriers like AT&T, T-Mobile, or if  
13      you have a government entity that uses radio  
14      frequencies in some manner, they all have means of  
15      not interfering with one another. So, we operate  
16      in certain frequencies. AT&T operates in certain  
17      frequencies. The government entity that you speak  
18      of is operating in another frequency. So, we are  
19      licensed to operate in our frequencies, and that  
20      alone.

21      **PASKA NAYDEN:** I totally understand that and understand  
22      how you guys get your frequencies and all that  
23      stuff, but has Verizon conducted any cumulative RF  
24      exposure modeling to evaluate the -- such as to  
25      heterodyning and intermodulation that the tower is

1 transmitting and existing high-power radar  
2 emissions?

3 What we do know is just because we don't see  
4 them, these frequencies are interacting with very  
5 high-powered emissions. And being that where this  
6 is being positioned so close to or in the coverage  
7 zone -- actually, it's a very high coverage zone  
8 of NEXRAD. We've got three NEXRADs, if not four,  
9 pointing into Connecticut.

10 So, now the people of Connecticut are  
11 becoming much smarter about --

12 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Excuse me, Vice Chair Morissette.

13 If I could intervene? If you could please ask  
14 Ms. Paska to not testify in her cross-examination,  
15 we would appreciate that.

16 PASKA NAYDEN: I'm just asking the question about --

17 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney Schaefer.

18 Ms. Nayden, this is your opportunity to ask  
19 questions. Okay? And please refrain from  
20 testifying.

21 PASKA NAYDEN: Oh, I --

22 THE VICE CHAIR: Ask a question. And please --

23 PASKA NAYDEN: So, that's my question. Has Verizon  
24 conducted the cumulative RF impact analysis by  
25 having something as large as a NEXRAD, which is a

1       750,000-watt machine in this vicinity? That's all  
2       I'm asking.

3               And if -- you don't have to know the answer  
4       off the top of your heads, but I think that's  
5       something that the community would like to  
6       understand just to feel safe. That's it.

7               All right. The other thing is, has Verizon  
8       planned or is participating in any federal  
9       research programs, public or private partnerships,  
10      or contracts involving the wireless infrastructure  
11      for atmospheric monitoring, cloud microphysics, or  
12      weather-related data collection? That's just a  
13      question.

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

16               I have not heard of any of that.

17   PASKA NAYDEN: Okay. Could you maybe -- I apologize if  
18      I'm out of tune here. But if you could find out,  
19      because this is a very important topic, again, to  
20      the people. I'm representing topics of interest  
21      to the people.

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

24               I mean, I understand we are in full  
25      compliance with our FCC rules and guidelines. So,

1       since we are licensed to have our frequencies and  
2       we operate within the FCC guidelines, rules and  
3       regulations, we are in full compliance with, you  
4       know, what we need to be.

5   PASKA NAYDEN:   The other question that the people of  
6       Connecticut want to know is, are any of these  
7       antennas on this tower, the frequency bands,  
8       providing any meteorological or radio -- or  
9       radio-weather-related data? Do you collect any of  
10      that data? Do you provide any of that data?

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

13               I'm unclear of actually what you're asking.

14   PASKA NAYDEN:   We'd like to know if there's a  
15      relationship between Verizon, these antennas, and  
16      any weather modification or weather, atmospheric  
17      detection or any weather reporting? That's it.

18   THE WITNESS (DiVito):   This is Kip DiVito with Verizon  
19      Wireless.

20               I mean, maybe you could cite a study, but to  
21      my knowledge, I have not heard that our  
22      frequencies, our technology, similar to other  
23      carriers and that radiofrequency in general  
24      affects meteorological anomalies.

25   PASKA NAYDEN:   Okay. Sounds really good. The only

1 last thing I'm going to leave you with or ask is,  
2 are you familiar with what the Supreme Court on  
3 June 2025 -- June 20, 2025, a decision, McLaughlin  
4 Chiropractic Associates and McKesson Corp, and  
5 what that impacts us here in Connecticut, and CT  
6 siting?

7 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Vice Chair Morissette, I interject  
8 and object. It appears that a legal opinion is  
9 being asked as to a Supreme Court ruling.

10 PASKA NAYDEN: I will (unintelligible) --

11 THE VICE CHAIR: Yes. Ms. Nayden, it appears that it's  
12 a legal opinion that you're asking of a non-legal  
13 panel to answer. If you want to rephrase your  
14 question, please go right ahead.

15 PASKA NAYDEN: Well, I'll ask the telecom industry reps  
16 here. Are you familiar with the Supreme Court  
17 recent decision and what that impacts the  
18 relationship with FCC?

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

21 No, I'm not familiar with.

22 PASKA NAYDEN: Okay. That's fair.

23 Thank you. That's all I have for now.

24 THE VICE CHAIR: Okay. Very good. Thank you.

25 All right. That concludes our hearing for

1           this afternoon. The Council will recess until  
2           6:30 p.m., at which time we will commence with the  
3           public comment session of this public hearing.

4           So, thank you, everyone, for participating.

5           And we'll see you again at 6:30. Thank you.

6   ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Mr. Morissette, excuse me?

7   THE VICE CHAIR: Yes?

8   ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Just an administrative matter just  
9           to clarify. To confirm that we have no late files  
10          or other open questions from the Intervenor, and  
11          that the Council will be releasing a modified  
12          schedule, I understand, to address additional  
13          interrogatories and a continued hearing.

14          Is that correct?

15   THE VICE CHAIR: That's correct. And I'll remind  
16          Ms. Nayden that at this point in time there are no  
17          open interrogatories, but if there are questions  
18          that you want to obtain followup, that will be  
19          your opportunity to ask interrogatories.

20   PASKA NAYDEN: I understand. Thank you.

21   THE VICE CHAIR: Very good.

22   ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Thank you, Mr. Morissette.

23   THE VICE CHAIR: Attorney Schaefer, are we good?

24   ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Yes, thank you.

25   THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Thank you. And thank you,

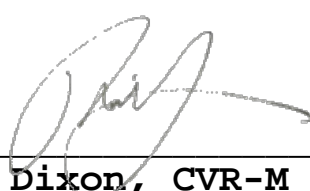
1 everyone. Enjoy your dinner and we'll see you at  
2 6:30. Thanks.

3 ATTORNEY SCHAEFER: Thank you.  
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