

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

Docket No. 540

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 68 Danbury Road, New Milford,
Connecticut.

Zoom Remote Public Hearing (Teleconference),
on Thursday, October 23, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

H e l d B e f o r e :

JOHN MORISSETTE, THE VICE CHAIR

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23 For The Towers, LLC (APP):

24 JOSEPH JOHNSTON,

25 Airosmith Development

(Begin: 6:30 p.m.)

THE VICE CHAIR: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

This hearing is called to order this Thursday,
October 23, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

My name is John Morissette, Vice Chair of the
Connecticut Siting Council. Other members of the
Council are Quat Nguyen, designee for
Chairman-elect Thomas Wiehl; Chance Carter; Bill
Syme; Dr. Scott Williams; and Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

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

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

This is a continuation of a public hearing
that began at 2 p.m. this afternoon. A copy of
the prepared agenda is available on the Council's
website, along with a record of this matter, the
public hearing notice, instructions for public
access to this public hearing, and the Council's
citizen's guide to the Siting Council's
procedures.

This hearing is held pursuant to the

1 provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut General
2 Statutes and of the Uniform Administrative
3 Procedure Act upon an application from The Towers,
4 LLC, for a certificate of environmental
5 compatibility and public need for the
6 construction, maintenance, and operation of a
7 telecommunications facility and associated
8 equipment located at 68 Danbury Road in New
9 Milford, Connecticut. The complete application
10 was received by the Council on June 17, 2025.

11 This application is also governed by the
12 Telecommunications Act of 1996, which is
13 administered by the Federal Communications
14 Commission. This act prohibits this Council from
15 considering the health effects of radiofrequency
16 emissions on human health and wildlife to the
17 extent the emissions from towers are within the
18 federal acceptable safe limits standards, which
19 standards are also followed by the State
20 Department of Public Health.

21 The federal act also prohibits this Council
22 from discriminating between and amongst providers
23 of functionally equivalent services. This means
24 that if one carrier already provides a service for
25 an area, other carriers have the right to compete

1 and provide service in the same area.

2 The Council's legal notice of the date and
3 time of this public hearing was published in the
4 New Milford Spectrum on July 4, 2025.

5 Upon this Council's request, the Applicant
6 erected a sign in the vicinity of the proposed
7 site so as to inform the public of the name of the
8 Applicant, the type of facility, the public
9 hearing date, and contact information for the
10 Council, including the website and phone number.

11 As a reminder to all, off-the-record
12 communication with a member of the Council or a
13 member of the Council's staff upon the merits of
14 this application is prohibited by law.

15 This public comment session is reserved for
16 members of the public who have signed up to make
17 brief statements into the record. The deadline
18 for the public to sign up to speak during this
19 public comment session was Wednesday, October 22,
20 2025. No member of the public signed up to speak.

21 Please be advised that written comments may
22 be submitted by any person within 30 days of this
23 public hearing.

24 I request the Applicant to make a brief
25 presentation to the public describing the proposed

1 facility. I understand Joseph Johnston will be
2 making the presentation.

3 Mr. Johnston, good evening.

4 JOSEPH JOHNSTON: Yes, sir, good evening. Okay.

5 There we go, page 1. Thank you very much.

6 The Towers, LLC, and also called Vertical
7 Bridge, is applying to install a new 75-foot tall
8 steel monopole tower. That tower is proposed to
9 be constructed on a parcel that's approximately
10 four and a half acres in size, and zoned to class
11 B-1 for restricted business. The parcel is owned
12 by New Milford United Methodist Church, and its
13 site address is 68 Danbury Road in New Milford,
14 Connecticut.

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16 The proposed tower and its compound will be
17 in the southwest corner of the parcel. Vehicle
18 access will enter from Danbury Road at an existing
19 driveway and extend around the north and west
20 portions of the existing parking lots. The
21 20-foot-wide access road easement is approximately
22 700 foot long.

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24 Thank you.

25 The proposed compound area is a 50-foot by

1 40-foot rectangle with a gravel base and it will
2 be surrounded by eight-foot-tall chain-link fence
3 having a 16-foot-wide access gate.

4 Power and telco will be pulled from a new
5 utility pole located at the entrance of the
6 driveway along Danbury Road. Proposed utility
7 conduits will be installed underground and follow
8 the access road to the compound.

9 Verizon is the anchor tenant and plans to
10 install cabinets and a diesel generator on a
11 ground-mounted concrete slab within the proposed
12 compound. The generator has a built in UL-rated
13 spill tank to prevent fuel leakage and will be
14 installed with a sound pressure enclosure to limit
15 noise during operation.

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17 The proposed 75-foot-tall monopole tower is
18 designed to support two wireless carriers.
19 Verizon will be the initial carrier and plans to
20 install at the top of the tower. Verizon is
21 planning to install twelve antennas, six radios
22 and one surge suppressing unit on steel sector
23 frame mounts.

24 Thank you very much.

25 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Mr. Johnson.

Anyone who has not become a party or intervenor but who desires to make his or her views known to the Council may file written statements with the Council within 30 days of the date of the hereof. The Council will issue draft findings of fact and thereafter parties and interveners may identify errors or inconsistencies between the Council's draft finding of fact and the record, however no new information, no new evidence, no arguments and no reply briefs without our permission will be considered by the Council.

I hereby declare this hearing adjourned.
Thank you, everyone, for your participation.

(End: 6:38 p.m.)

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing 8 pages are a complete and accurate computer-aided transcription of my original verbatim notes taken of the teleconference PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING of THE CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL in Re: DOCKET NO. 540, 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 68 DANBURY ROAD, NEW MILFORD, CONNECTICUT, which was held before JOHN MORISSETTE, THE VICE CHAIR, on October 23, 2025.



Robert G. Dixon, CVR-M 857

Notary Public

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