

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

Docket No. 541

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 132 Bass Road in Windham, Connecticut.

Zoom Remote Public Hearing (Teleconference),
on Thursday, November 6, 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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(Begin: 6:30 p.m.)

THE VICE CHAIR: This hearing is called to order this
Thursday, November 6, 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 of the Public
Utilities Regulatory Authority; Chance Carter;
Khristine Hall; Bill Syme; Dr. Williams; and
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Members of the staff are Executive Director
Melanie Bachman, Siting Analyst Robert Mercier,
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 is a continuation of the 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
citizens 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 132 Bass Road in Windham,
9 Connecticut. This application was received by the
10 Council on June 30, 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 health, human health, and wildlife to
17 the extent the emissions from towers are within
18 the federal acceptable safe limit 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 service for
25 an area, the other carriers have the right to

1 compete and provide service to the same area.

2 The Council's legal notice of the date and
3 time of this public hearing was published in The
4 Chronicle on July 30, 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 Council's website and phone
11 number.

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

16 This public comment session is reserved for
17 the public who signed up to make brief statements.
18 These limited appearance statements are not
19 subject to questions from the parties or the
20 Council. And members of the public making
21 statements may not ask questions of the parties or
22 the Council.

23 In accordance with the public hearing notice
24 and in fairness to everyone who signed up to speak
25 in advance, these public statements will be

1 limited to three minutes. Please be advised that
2 written comments may be submitted by any person
3 within 30 days of this public hearing.

4 I wish to note that parties and interveners,
5 including their representatives, witnesses, and
6 members are not allowed to participate in the
7 public comment session. I also wish to note for
8 those who are listening and for the benefit of
9 your friends and neighbors who are unable to join
10 us for the public comment session, that you or
11 they may send written comments to the Council
12 within 30 days of the date hereof by mail or by
13 e-mail.

14 Please be advised that any person may be
15 removed from the public comment session at the
16 discretion of the Council. We ask each person
17 making a limited appearance statement in this
18 proceeding to confine his and her statements to
19 the subject matter before the Council and to avoid
20 unreasonable repetition so that we may hear all of
21 the concerns you and your neighbors may have.
22 Please be advised that the Council cannot answer
23 questions from the public about the proposal.

24 A verbatim transcript will be made of this
25 hearing and will be deposited in the Windham Town

1 Clerk's office for the convenience of the public.

2 At this time, I request the Applicant to make
3 a very brief presentation to the public describing
4 the proposed facility. I understand Joseph
5 Johnston will be making that presentation.

6 Good evening, Mr. Johnston.

7 JOSEPH JOHNSTON: Thank you, Mr. Morissette.

8 All right. The Towers, LLC, also called
9 Vertical Bridge, is applying to install a new
10 156-foot-tall steel monopole tower. The tower is
11 proposed to be constructed on a parcel that is
12 approximately 12.4 acres in size and zoned R1,
13 residential. The parcel is owned by Michael and
14 Bonnie Sikoski. The site address is 132 Bass Road
15 in Windham, Connecticut, 06280.

16 Next slide, please.

17 The proposed tower and compound is proposed
18 in the north-northeast corner of the parcel.
19 Vehicle access will enter from the south of Bass
20 Road using an existing driveway that is
21 approximately 600 feet long. The existing
22 driveway is proposed to be extended to the
23 northeast, approximately 285 feet to the proposed
24 compound area. The proposed driveway extension
25 will be 12-foot-wide with a 30-foot-wide easement.

1 Next slide, please. Thank you.

2 The proposed compound area is a 50-foot by
3 50-foot square with a gravel base and will be
4 surrounded by an 8-foot-tall chain-link fence
5 having a 16-foot-wide access gate.

6 Power and telco will be pulled from an
7 existing utility pole located near the residence
8 end of the existing driveway. Proposed utility
9 conduits will be installed underground from the
10 existing pole and follow the access road to the
11 compound.

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

19 The proposed 156-foot-tall monopole tower is
20 designed to support four wireless carriers.
21 Verizon will be the initial carrier and plans to
22 install at the top of the tower. Verizon is
23 planning to install twelve antennas, six radios,
24 and one surge suppression unit on
25 steel-sector-framed mounts.

1 Thank you.

2 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Johnston.

3 We will now call on Amy Russel to make a
4 public statement followed by Scott Cormier.

5 Amy Russel, please? Good evening.

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7 (No response.)

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9 THE VICE CHAIR: Well, I don't see Amy Russel on the
10 board. So, we'll move on to Scott Cormier.

11 Good evening, Mr. Cormier.

12 SCOTT CORMIER: Good evening, sir. How are you doing
13 tonight?

14 THE VICE CHAIR: Good. Thank you.

15 SCOTT CORMIER: I just want to adamantly oppose this
16 tower as I'm going to be the only one that's
17 negatively affected by this with my property being
18 right next to it, not to mention that I was never
19 given notice of this tower by a certified mail.
20 It was never delivered to me and I never received
21 it. The only way I found out about this was about
22 the First Selectman from the Town of Scotland who
23 showed me the plans when I was asked to go to his
24 office.

25 When this tower is erected, it's going to be

1 in my front window every morning, every night when
2 I'm sitting out on my porch. I've lived here
3 since 1987 as a kid. The Siting Council shot down
4 a previously proposed tower back in the nineties,
5 and my family and I have great concerns about the
6 retail value of our property in the future if we
7 try to sell this as well.

8 That's all I've got to say. Thank you.

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

10 We'll go back to Amy Russel. Is Amy Russel
11 here? Amy Russel?

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13 (No response.)
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15 THE VICE CHAIR: Okay. That concludes our hearing for
16 this evening.

17 Before closing this hearing, the Connecticut
18 Siting Council announces that briefs and proposed
19 findings of fact may be filed with the Council by
20 any party or intervener no later than December 6,
21 2025. The submission of briefs or proposed
22 findings of fact are not required by this Council.
23 Rather, we leave it to the choice of the parties
24 and interveners.

25 Anyone who has not become a party or

1 intervener but who desires to make his or her
2 views known to the Council may file written
3 statements with the Council within 30 days of the
4 date hereof.

5 The Council will issue draft findings of
6 fact, and thereafter parties and interveners may
7 identify errors or inconsistencies between the
8 Council's draft findings of fact and the record.
9 However, no new information, no new evidence, no
10 arguments, and no reply briefs without our
11 permission will be considered by the Council.

12 Copies of the transcript of this hearing will
13 be filed at the Windham Town Clerk's Office.

14 I hereby declare this hearing adjourned and
15 thank you, everyone, for your participation.

16 Have a good evening. Thank you.

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18 (End: 6:40 p.m.)
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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing 12 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. 541, 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 132 BASS ROAD IN WINDHAM, CONNECTICUT, which was held before JOHN MORISSETTE, THE VICE CHAIR, on November 6, 2025.



Robert G. Dixon, CVR-M 857

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