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Docket No. 544

ARX Wireless Infrastructure, LLC and New Cingular
Wireless PCS, 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 577 West Main Street
(Route 82), Norwich, Connecticut

Public Hearing held on Thursday, January 15, 2026,
beginning at 2 p.m., via Zoom.

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(Commenced at 2 p.m.)

2 THE VICE CHAIR: Good afternoon, ladies
3 and gentlemen. Can everyone hear me okay? Thank
4 you. This public hearing is called to order this
5 Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 2 p.m. My name is
6 John Morissette, Vice Chair of the Connecticut
7 Siting Council. Other members of the Council are
8 Brian Golembiewski, designee for Commissioner
9 Katie Dykes of the Department of Energy and
10 Environmental Protection; Quat Nguyen, designee
11 for Chairman Elect Thomas Wiehl of the Public
12 Utilities Regulatory Authority; Chance Carter;
13 Khristine Hall; Bill Syme; Dr. Scott Williams; and
14 Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

15 Members of the staff are Executive
16 Director Melanie Bachman, Siting Analyst Adam
17 Morrone and administrative support Dakota
18 LaFountain.

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

22 This hearing is held pursuant to the
23 provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut General
24 Statutes and of the Uniform Administrative
25 Procedure Act upon an application from ARX

1 Wireless Infrastructure, LLC, for a Certificate of
2 Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for
3 the construction, maintenance, and operation of a
4 telecommunications facility and associated
5 equipment located at 577 West Main Street, which
6 is Route 82, in Norwich, Connecticut. This
7 application was received by the Connecticut Siting
8 Council on September 30, 2025.

9 The Council's legal notice of the date
10 and time of this public hearing was published in
11 The Day on November 1, 2025. Upon this Council's
12 request, the applicant erected a sign in the
13 vicinity of the proposed site so as to inform the
14 public of the name of the applicant and the type
15 of facility, the public hearing date, and contact
16 information for the Council, including the website
17 and phone number.

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

22 The parties and intervenors to the
23 proceeding are as follows: The applicant, ARX
24 Wireless Infrastructure, LLC, represented by David
25 A. Ball, Esquire and Wilson T. Carroll, Esquire.

1 We have an intervenor, Cellco
2 Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, represented by
3 Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esquire, Emily C. Deans,
4 Esquire and Jon Schaefer, Esquire of Robinson &
5 Cole LLP.

6 We will proceed in accordance with the
7 prepared agenda, a copy of which is available on
8 the Council's website, along with the record of
9 this matter, the public hearing notice,
10 instructions for public access to this public
11 hearing, and the Council's Citizens Guide to
12 Siting Council Procedures. Interested persons may
13 join any session of this public hearing to listen,
14 but no public comments will be received during the
15 2 p.m. evidentiary session.

16 At the end of the evidentiary session,
17 we will recess until 6:30 p.m. for the public
18 comment session. Please be advised that any
19 person may be removed from the evidentiary session
20 or the public comment session at the discretion of
21 the Council. The 6:30 p.m. public comment session
22 is reserved for members of the public who have
23 signed up to make brief statements into the
24 record.

25 I wish to note that the applicant,

1 parties and intervenors, including their
2 representatives, witnesses and members, are not
3 allowed to participate in the public comment
4 session.

5 I also wish to note for those who are
6 listening and for the benefit of your friends and
7 neighbors who are unable to join us for the public
8 comment session that you or they may send written
9 statements to the Council within 30 days of the
10 date hereof either by mail or by email, and such
11 written statements will be given the same weight
12 as if spoken during the public comment session.

13 A verbatim transcript of this public
14 hearing will be posted on the Council's website
15 and deposited with the Norwich City Clerk's Office
16 for the convenience of the public.

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

19 We have one motion to take care of
20 before we get started, ARX Wireless
21 Infrastructure, LLC's motion for protective order
22 of the lease agreement financial terms, dated
23 January 8, 2026. Attorney Bachman may wish to
24 comment.

25 Attorney Bachman, good afternoon.

1 ATTORNEY BACHMAN: Good afternoon, Vice
2 Chair Morissette. Thank you.

3 Pursuant to General Statutes Section
4 16-50o and Council Interrogatory Number 8, ARX
5 Wireless Infrastructure, LLC submitted a motion
6 for protective order for the lease agreement
7 financial terms which are exempt from public
8 disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act,
9 and therefore staff recommends the motion be
10 granted. Thank you.

11 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney
12 Bachman.

13 MR. LYNCH: I'll make the motion.

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

15 Do we have a second?

16 MR. CARTER: I'll second.

17 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Carter.
18 We have a motion by Mr. Lynch to approve the
19 motion for protective order, and we have a second
20 by Mr. Carter. We will now move to discussion.

21 Mr. Golembiewski, good afternoon. Any
22 discussion?

23 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Good afternoon. I
24 have no discussion. Thank you.

25 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

1 Mr. Nguyen, good afternoon. Any
2 discussion?

3 MR. NGUYEN: Good afternoon. No
4 discussion.

5 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you. Mr.
6 Carter, good afternoon. Any discussion?

7 MR. CARTER: Good afternoon. I have no
8 discussion. Thank you.

9 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you. Ms. Hall,
10 good afternoon. Any discussion?

11 MS. HALL: Good afternoon all. I have
12 no discussion. Thank you.

13 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you. Dr.
14 Williams, good afternoon. Any discussion?

15 DR. WILLIAMS: Good afternoon. No
16 discussion.

17 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you. Mr. Syme,
18 good afternoon. Any discussion?

19 MR. SYME: Good afternoon. I have no
20 discussion.

21 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you. Mr. Lynch,
22 good afternoon. Any discussion?

23 MR. LYNCH: I have no discussion.

24 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you. And I have
25 no discussion. We'll now move to the vote.

1 Mr. Golembiewski, how do you vote?

2 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: I vote to approve.

3 Thank you.

4 THE VICE CHAIR: Mr. Nguyen?

5 MR. NGUYEN: Vote to approve.

6 THE VICE CHAIR: Mr. Carter?

7 MR. CARTER: Vote to approve. Thank
8 you.

9 THE VICE CHAIR: Ms. Hall?

10 MS. HALL: Vote to approve. Thank you.

11 THE VICE CHAIR: Dr. Williams?

12 DR. WILLIAMS: Vote to approve.

13 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you. Mr. Syme?

14 MR. SYME: Vote approval.

15 THE VICE CHAIR: Mr. Lynch?

16 MR. LYNCH: Vote approval.

17 THE VICE CHAIR: And I vote approval.

18 We have a unanimous decision. The motion for
19 protective order is approved.

20 We will now move on to administrative
21 notices taken by the Council. I call your
22 attention to those items shown on the hearing
23 program marked as Roman numeral I-D, Items 1
24 through 89. Does any party or intervenor have an
25 objection to the items that the Council has

1 administratively noticed?

2 Attorney Ball or Attorney Carroll, good
3 afternoon.

4 ATTORNEY BALL: Good afternoon,
5 Mr. Morissette. We have no objection.

6 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney
7 Ball. Good afternoon.

8 Attorney Baldwin, Deans or Schaefer,
9 good afternoon.

10 ATTORNEY DEANS: Good afternoon,
11 Mr. Morissette. No objection. Thank you.

12 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney
13 Deans.

14 Accordingly, the Council hereby
15 administratively notices these existing documents.

16 (Administrative Notice Items I-C-1
17 through I-C-89: Received in evidence.)

18 THE VICE CHAIR: We'll now move on to
19 the appearance of the applicant. Will the
20 applicant present its witness panel for the
21 purpose of taking the oath. We will have Attorney
22 Bachman administer the oath.

23 ATTORNEY BALL: Thank you,
24 Mr. Morissette.

25 THE VICE CHAIR: Please continue.

1 ATTORNEY BALL: And good afternoon.
2 Good afternoon, members of the Council. So the
3 applicant is presenting three witnesses, Keith
4 Coppins, Brian [sic] Roberts and Russ Dasta, who
5 can be sworn in.

6 THE VICE CHAIR: Attorney Bachman.

7 MS. BACHMAN: Thank you, Vice Chair
8 Morissette.

9 Could the witnesses please raise their
10 right hand.

11 K E I T H C O P P I N S ,
12 D O U G L A S R O B E R T S ,
13 R U S S D A S T A ,

14 having been first duly sworn by Attorney
15 Bachman, testified on their oaths as follows:

16 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Thank you.
17 Attorney Ball, please begin by
18 verifying all the exhibits by the appropriate
19 sworn witnesses.

20 ATTORNEY BALL: Thank you, Mr.
21 Morissette.

22 DIRECT EXAMINATION

23 ATTORNEY BALL: I'll start with
24 Mr. Coppins, if I could. Mr. Coppins, did you
25 prepare, assist or supervise in the preparation of

1 Exhibits 1, 2, 3 and 4?

2 THE WITNESS (Coppins): I did.

3 ATTORNEY BALL: Do you have any other
4 revisions or corrections to any of those exhibits?

5 THE WITNESS (Coppins): I do not.

6 ATTORNEY BALL: Are they true and
7 accurate to the best of your knowledge and belief?

8 THE WITNESS (Coppins): They are.

9 ATTORNEY BALL: And do you request that
10 the Council accept the documents as full exhibits?

11 THE WITNESS (Coppins): Yes, I do.

12 ATTORNEY BALL: Thank you. Mr.
13 Roberts, I'm going to ask you the same questions.
14 Did you prepare, assist or supervise in the
15 preparation of Exhibits 1 through 4?

16 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Yes, I have.

17 ATTORNEY BALL: And do you have any
18 revisions to those exhibits?

19 THE WITNESS (Roberts): I do. I have a
20 revision on drawing number C-101. We have a
21 listing of the closest residence from our tower,
22 and that should be the distance to the closest
23 abutting residence which is the same dimension
24 which is, I think, 203 feet. There is a closer
25 residence, which is 78 Pine Street, which is 165

1 feet to the west of our site. It's between ARX
2 landlord and this residence there's a commercial
3 establishment. I have that.

4 And on our responses to the
5 interrogatories --

6 ATTORNEY BALL: Mr. Roberts, if I could
7 just int -- no, that's okay. I just want to make
8 it clear for the Council. So the most updated
9 site plans which Mr. Roberts is referring to were
10 submitted in response to Interrogatory Number 23
11 to the applicant, and you'll see it's shown as
12 Exhibit 23. And that was the specific document
13 that Mr. Roberts was identifying the correction
14 to.

15 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney
16 Ball.

17 ATTORNEY BALL: I'm sorry, Mr. Roberts,
18 you had a second correction.

19 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Well, more of a
20 clarification. On our responses to
21 interrogatories, Item 18, which was design
22 standards, and this would be identical to number
23 37, the Connecticut State Building Code is being
24 updated in 2026. There is, as of December 2nd,
25 there's a legislative evaluation review out for

1 publication for review and comment. There's never
2 a hard date when that would become in fact law,
3 and there is an overlap, but we will look at
4 complying to both of the codes being that we know
5 this one is coming up at some point this year.

6 ATTORNEY BALL: Thank you, Mr. Roberts.
7 So with those clarifications, are the exhibits
8 true and accurate to the best of your knowledge
9 and belief?

10 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Yes, they are.

11 ATTORNEY BALL: And do you request that
12 the Council accept them as full exhibits?

13 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Yes, I do.

14 ATTORNEY BALL: If then, if I may, Mr.
15 Morissette, if I could ask Mr. Dasta to unmute
16 yourself. Still muted.

17 THE WITNESS (Dasta): Sorry about that.

18 ATTORNEY BALL: That's okay. Sir, did
19 you prepare, assist or supervise in the
20 preparation of Exhibits 1 through 4?

21 THE WITNESS (Dasta): I did.

22 ATTORNEY BALL: Do you have any
23 revisions to those exhibits?

24 THE WITNESS (Dasta): No, I do not.

25 ATTORNEY BALL: Are they true and

1 accurate to the best of your knowledge and belief?

2 THE WITNESS (Dasta): Yes.

3 ATTORNEY BALL: Thank you. And with
4 that, Mr. Morissette, we would ask that the
5 Applicant's Exhibits 1 through 4 with Mr. Roberts
6 clarifications be made full exhibits.

7 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney
8 Ball. Does the intervenor object to the admission
9 of the applicant's exhibits? Attorney Deans?

10 ATTORNEY DEANS: No objection. Thank
11 you.

12 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you. The
13 exhibits are hereby admitted.

14 (Applicant's Exhibits II-B-1 through
15 II-B-4: Received in evidence - described in
16 index.)

17 THE VICE CHAIR: We'll now go to the
18 appearance by Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon
19 Wireless. Will the intervenor present its witness
20 panel for purposes of taking the oath, and
21 Attorney Bachman will administer the oath.

22 ATTORNEY DEANS: Yes. Thank you, Vice
23 Chair Morissette. For the record, Emily Deans and
24 Ken Baldwin on behalf of intervenor Cellco
25 Partnership doing business as Verizon Wireless.

1 Our witness panel, as listed in the
2 hearing program, consists of two representatives
3 from the intervenor. They include Elizabeth
4 Glidden, real estate regulatory specialist with
5 Verizon Wireless, and Martin Lavin, Senior Radio
6 Frequency Engineer with C Squared Systems, LLC,
7 and I offer them at this time to be sworn.

8 THE VICE CHAIR: Attorney Bachman,
9 please administer the oath.

10 ATTORNEY BACHMAN: Thank you, Vice
11 Chair Morissette. And for the record, I muted Mr.
12 Dasta because there was a little feedback while
13 others were speaking, and I just muted him again.
14 So apologies.

15 If the witnesses could please just
16 raise their right hand.

17 E L I Z A B E T H G L I D D E N,
18 M A R T I N L A V I N,

19 having been first duly sworn by Attorney
20 Bachman, testified on their oaths as follows:

21 ATTORNEY BACHMAN: Thank you.

22 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney
23 Bachman.

24 Attorney Deans, please begin by
25 verifying all the exhibits by the appropriate

1 sworn witnesses.

2 ATTORNEY DEANS: Thank you, Vice Chair
3 Morissette. We have three exhibits listed in the
4 hearing program. Those exhibits are listed under
5 Roman numeral III under the appearance by
6 intervenor, subsection B. They include the
7 request for intervenor status, dated November 17,
8 2025; the responses to Council interrogatories,
9 dated December 29, 2025; and supplemental
10 responses to Council Interrogatories, dated
11 January 8, 2026. I offer these for identification
12 purposes at this time subject to verification by
13 the witnesses. And unless there's an objection by
14 the Council and in the interest of time and
15 efficiency, I'll ask our witnesses to verify the
16 exhibits as a panel.

17 THE VICE CHAIR: Please do, continue.

18 ATTORNEY DEANS: Thank you.

19 DIRECT EXAMINATION

20 ATTORNEY DEANS: So, did you prepare or
21 assist in the preparation of and/or are you
22 familiar with the exhibits listed in the hearing
23 program under Roman numeral III, subsection B,
24 Items 1 through 3? Ms. Glidden?

25 THE WITNESS (Glidden): I am.

1 ATTORNEY DEANS: Mr. Lavin?
2 THE WITNESS (Lavin): Yes.
3 ATTORNEY DEANS: Do you have any
4 amendments, corrections or modifications to offer
5 regarding any of those exhibits at this time?
6 Ms. Glidden?

7 THE WITNESS (Glidden): No.

8 ATTORNEY DEANS: Mr. Lavin?

9 THE WITNESS (Lavin): No.

10 ATTORNEY DEANS: Is this information
11 contained in those exhibits true and accurate to
12 the best of your knowledge? Ms. Glidden?

13 THE WITNESS (Glidden): Yes.

14 ATTORNEY DEANS: Mr. Lavin?

15 THE WITNESS (Lavin): Yes.

16 ATTORNEY DEANS: And do you adopt the
17 information contained in those exhibits as your
18 testimony in this proceeding? Ms. Glidden?

19 THE WITNESS (Glidden): Yes.

20 ATTORNEY DEANS: Mr. Lavin?

21 THE WITNESS (Lavin): Yes.

22 ATTORNEY DEANS: Vice Chair Morissette,
23 I offer them as full exhibits and offer our
24 witnesses for cross-examination by the Council.

25 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney

1 Deans. Does the applicant object to the admission
2 of Cellco's Exhibits, Attorney Ball?

3 ATTORNEY BALL: We do not object.

4 Thank you.

5 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Thank you.
6 The exhibits are hereby admitted.

7 (Intervenor Cellco Partnership d/b/a
8 Verizon Wireless Exhibits III-B-1 through 3:
9 Received in evidence - described in index.)

10 THE VICE CHAIR: We will now begin
11 cross-examination of the applicant and the
12 intervenor as a joint panel by the Council
13 starting with Mr. Morrone followed by Mr.
14 Golembiewski.

15 Mr. Morrone, good afternoon.

16 MR. MORRONE: Good afternoon, Mr. Vice
17 Chair. Thank you very much.

18 CROSS-EXAMINATION

19 MR. MORRONE: I would like to start
20 today by confirming the new height of the proposed
21 tower.

22 THE WITNESS (Coppins): It's Mr.
23 Roberts.

24 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Right now we
25 have the proposed height at 125 feet with Verizon

1 Wireless at a RAD center of 120.

2 MR. MORRONE: Thank you. Some of our
3 documents had some discrepancies. That will help.

4 Next, referencing interrogatories,
5 response 12, what criteria is going to be used at
6 the site that would determine whether materials
7 would require testing?

8 THE WITNESS (Coppins): I think that's
9 Mr. Roberts as well.

10 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Yes, we've
11 already done a phase one on the site, and the
12 materials that were sampled were clean under the
13 phase one. We, of course, always take and are
14 constantly monitoring materials that we take off
15 site in case there's by chance something that is
16 askew. But right now we'll do whatever we need to
17 do to remove the material. If it needs to be
18 tested further, we'll have it tested and we'll
19 follow best management practices of disposing it.

20 ATTORNEY BALL: Mr. Morrone, if I could
21 just add. We have submitted the phase one report
22 as Exhibit 11. It was responsive to Interrogatory
23 Number 11. So that is in the record as well.

24 MR. MORRONE: Thank you. Okay. Next
25 would be, would you be able to tell me the

1 distance from the center of the tower to the
2 nearest property line and what the address at that
3 property is?

4 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Yes. The
5 closest property line is to the west, and it is 24
6 feet, and that is number 595 West Main Street. I
7 believe it's a commercial establishment.

8 MR. MORRONE: Thank you.

9 THE WITNESS (Roberts): You're welcome.

10 MR. MORRONE: Following up on that
11 question, Interrogatory Response 43 stated that
12 the yield point would be 23 feet. Is that
13 referenced from the top of the tower or from the
14 ground level?

15 THE WITNESS (Roberts): That's
16 referenced from the top of the tower.

17 MR. MORRONE: Okay. So just to
18 clarify, in the event of a failure, a 23-foot
19 piece would fold over?

20 THE WITNESS (Roberts): That is
21 correct.

22 MR. MORRONE: And 100 feet, okay, would
23 remain standing?

24 THE WITNESS (Roberts): That is
25 correct.

1 MR. MORRONE: Thank you. Referencing
2 application page 28 and Response 37, the
3 International Plumbing Code was referenced. Was
4 there a reason that the plumbing code needed to be
5 referenced?

6 THE WITNESS (Roberts): The plumbing
7 code would be in effect if we had natural gas
8 generators of that nature. That's where the
9 plumbing code -- there is no water, on site water
10 or anything like that, but it is part of the code.

11 MR. MORRONE: Okay. And at this time,
12 no natural gas is planned for any of the
13 generators?

14 THE WITNESS (Roberts): That is
15 correct.

16 MR. MORRONE: Now, referencing response
17 10 regarding the geotechnical analysis, is any
18 clearing or ground disturbance planned for that
19 geotechnical analysis?

20 THE WITNESS (Roberts): No. The boring
21 is right on the edge of a curb pavement line, so
22 we'll probably do that boring like, you know, 6
23 inches or 8 inches from the actual center of the
24 tower.

25 MR. MORRONE: Okay.

1 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Which is
2 certainly --

3 MR. MORRONE: Thank you. Referencing
4 response 46 and Exhibit 46, would you be able to
5 describe the change in the total footprint and
6 predicted visibility within the 2-mile radius that
7 would be associated with the shorter tower?

8 THE WITNESS (Dasta): I'm sorry, can
9 you say that again? I'm not sure I'm
10 understanding.

11 MR. MORRONE: So the original
12 visibility plan was for a 135-foot tower?

13 THE WITNESS (Dasta): Yes.

14 MR. MORRONE: Would you be able to
15 provide a description of the change in the
16 visibility now that the tower is shorter?

17 THE WITNESS (Dasta): Yeah, we would
18 expect that there would be a more limited amount
19 of visibility within the overall, across the
20 entire area. So where we show a visibility, we
21 would expect some amount less. We did not have
22 time to redo the calculations for that.

23 MR. MORRONE: Okay. So you don't know
24 which specific locations would have reduced
25 visibility now --

1 THE WITNESS (Dasta): That is correct.

2 MR. MORRONE: -- just expecting that
3 the visibility will reduce?

4 THE WITNESS (Dasta): That is correct.

5 MR. MORRONE: Okay. Thank you.

6 ATTORNEY BALL: If I may, again, Mr.
7 Morrone, just to help identify an exhibit that is
8 responsive to your question. Exhibit 46, which is
9 obviously responsive to Interrogatory Number 46,
10 is an updated photographic simulation. So while a
11 full-blown report wasn't yet submitted, this does
12 show a simulation at the lower height, if I'm
13 correct.

14 MR. MORRONE: Thank you.

15 ATTORNEY BALL: Thank you.

16 MR. MORRONE: All right. The next set
17 of questions I have are primarily for Cellco.
18 Would flush mounted antennas be able to provide
19 the required coverage?

20 THE WITNESS (Lavin): Martin Lavin, C
21 Squared. Only with increased height of the tower.
22 In our own case, we'd have to have I believe three
23 sections of the tower, so the tower would have to
24 be 20 feet taller just to accommodate our
25 installation, so we'd have to be at 130 and 140,

1 and then colocators we'd probably have to add on
2 top of that.

3 MR. MORRONE: Okay. And were any other
4 options considered to camouflage the tower at this
5 location?

6 THE WITNESS (Lavin): Martin Lavin, C
7 Squared. I'm not aware of any.

8 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Doug Roberts.
9 We didn't really look at any other monopine or
10 anything of that nature since the site itself
11 doesn't have any real large vegetation nearby. We
12 found in the past that anything like that that was
13 proposed and built is much more visible unless it
14 is surrounded by like-sized vegetation. And we
15 know --

16 MR. MORRONE: Thank you.

17 THE WITNESS (Roberts): -- that a flag
18 pole didn't work so --

19 MR. MORRONE: Thank you. With the new
20 tower height and only Verizon now being proposed
21 on the tower, what is the revised maximum
22 calculated cumulative power density for the
23 proposed equipment?

24 THE WITNESS (Lavin): Martin Lavin, C
25 Squared. I believe Centerline had submitted a

1 report with the original application. I don't
2 know if that's been updated. It would be simply a
3 matter of removing AT&T's contribution and just
4 summing up Verizon's contributions from that
5 report.

6 MR. MORRONE: Now, referencing the
7 supplemental responses, Cellco said it will not be
8 installing a generator at this site. Would it
9 still install a backup battery?

10 THE WITNESS (Glidden): For the record,
11 this is Liz Glidden. Yes, we would be using a
12 battery backup.

13 MR. MORRONE: And how long would that
14 provide power in an emergency?

15 THE WITNESS (Glidden): Eight hours, I
16 believe.

17 MR. MORRONE: Are there any plans for a
18 generator plug to be installed for the potential
19 use of a mobile generator?

20 THE WITNESS (Glidden): I don't believe
21 that there is at this time.

22 MR. MORRONE: Thank you. And what were
23 Cellco's reasons for not installing a generator?

24 THE WITNESS (Glidden): This is Liz
25 Glidden. It was determined that the battery

1 backup in this particular instance was sufficient.

2 MR. MORRONE: Okay. One last question.

3 Some reference was made to a drive test within the
4 filing. Did Cellco conduct a drive test?

5 THE WITNESS (Lavin): Martin Lavin, C
6 Squared. As far as I know, Cellco did not conduct
7 a drive test.

8 MR. MORRONE: Thank you.

9 That is all the questions I have today,
10 Mr. Vice Chair.

11 THE VICE CHAIR: We'll now continue
12 cross-examination by Mr. Golembiewski followed by
13 Mr. Nguyen.

14 Mr. Golembiewski.

15 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Good afternoon. I
16 have no questions. Thank you.

17 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr.
18 Golembiewski. We'll now continue
19 cross-examination by Mr. Nguyen followed by Mr.
20 Carter.

21 Mr. Nguyen.

22 MR. NGUYEN: Good afternoon. Thank
23 you.

24 Just a few questions, a few follow-up
25 regarding the natural gas. Mr. Roberts, you

1 indicated that there are no plans for natural gas,
2 but the question is, is there natural gas
3 available in that area?

4 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Doug Roberts.
5 This falls under Groton Electric and Power, I
6 believe. And they do have natural gas on that
7 street. So if a natural gas generator was placed
8 on there and the carrier wished to procure natural
9 gas, it could be brought to the site.

10 MR. NGUYEN: Now, in my understanding
11 the tower has been reduced in height from 135 to
12 125. Would this affect the space for emergency
13 services from the town in the future?

14 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Doug Roberts.
15 Normally we always place the emergency services at
16 the top of the tower because they're, unlike the
17 carriers, they're not panel antennas, they're
18 omni-directional whips. So we run them off the
19 top platform. If the town felt that this site was
20 important and wished to go on it, we would
21 probably look to have them go right off the top
22 platform or expand the tower by 10 feet and build
23 their own platform and run it off the top so they
24 get their separation.

25 MR. NGUYEN: So there would be no,

1 there would not be an issue if there is a need
2 for it --

3 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Correct.

4 MR. NGUYEN: -- in the future? And has
5 the town expressed any interest at this time?

6 THE WITNESS (Coppins): Keith Coppins.
7 The town has not indicated that they need space on
8 it. However, we will hold space for them in the
9 event that they need it in the future.

10 MR. NGUYEN: Okay. Thank you.

11 A question for Verizon. You indicated
12 that you don't need a backup generator, you would
13 have a battery backup. This lasts eight hours; is
14 that correct?

15 THE WITNESS (Glidden): Yes, that's
16 correct. This is Liz Glidden.

17 MR. NGUYEN: And you indicated that
18 it's not sufficient to have, whether it's a diesel
19 or natural gas backup generator. What will happen
20 if the commercial power absence, it lasts longer
21 than eight hours?

22 THE WITNESS (Glidden): This is Liz
23 Glidden. Our sites are alarmed, and if there is a
24 power outage, a technician would be called to
25 replace the battery backup within a certain --

1 immediately within a certain time period.

2 MR. NGUYEN: So the battery is
3 portable, it can be replaced?

4 THE WITNESS (Glidden): Yes.

5 MR. NGUYEN: And that would last
6 another eight hours?

7 THE WITNESS (Glidden): That is
8 correct.

9 MR. NGUYEN: Why do you think it's
10 sufficient with the battery? You know, what I
11 have seen, and what I've seen Verizon in the past
12 has to install a backup generator whether it's a
13 diesel or natural gas. Why not at this site?

14 THE WITNESS (Glidden): This is Liz
15 Glidden. You're right, typically Verizon does
16 want to have a backup generator in place.
17 Initially AT&T was going to be the lead carrier on
18 this application, and they withdrew within the
19 last day or two. At that time, I don't believe
20 that there was room in the compound for a backup
21 generator for Verizon, and we have not
22 reconsidered since then.

23 MR. NGUYEN: So this is related to the
24 space that there's a lack of space for a backup
25 generator. Is that what you're saying?

1 THE WITNESS (Glidden): Yes, initially
2 there was a lack of space. And also in this
3 particular case we determined that the battery
4 backup for the needs that we had for this
5 particular site would be sufficient.

6 MR. NGUYEN: Let me ask the question
7 back to the applicant. The space, and it appears
8 the space is an issue at this compound, could you
9 please explain why is that?

10 THE WITNESS (Coppins): This is Keith
11 Coppins. I believe we have 2,500 square feet, a
12 50 by 50 compound in here. And I believe there's
13 space for Verizon if they wanted a generator to
14 provide a generator.

15 MR. NGUYEN: Verizon just indicated
16 that there's no space, so I'm a bit confused.

17 THE WITNESS (Coppins): I'm just saying
18 that we have 2,500 square feet in our compound. I
19 believe when I looked at the application when we,
20 I don't think they put a generator on, whether it
21 was AT&T, and that's what they're indicating,
22 that's fine. Since AT&T has changed, if Verizon
23 wants to put a generator in the compound, we can
24 accommodate that.

25 MR. NGUYEN: My apology. Let me ask

1 Ms. Glidden back. Mr. Coppins just said there's
2 space available.

3 THE WITNESS (Glidden): This is --

4 MR. NGUYEN: Would that change your
5 mind that Verizon would install a long-lasting
6 backup generator should there be an absence of
7 commercial power?

8 THE WITNESS (Glidden): This is Liz
9 Glidden. It's something I would have to take back
10 to our team.

11 MR. NGUYEN: What I'm trying to get at
12 is that we suddenly, no longer have duration of
13 commercial power, it does happen, and to sustain
14 power to maintain the telecommunications would be
15 important. Would you agree?

16 THE WITNESS (Glidden): This is Liz
17 Glidden. Yes, having a continuous operating
18 network is important.

19 MR. NGUYEN: And to the extent that
20 natural gas is also available, natural gas in
21 general is a more continuous power, would that be
22 something that Verizon could take a look at?

23 THE WITNESS (Glidden): This is Liz
24 Glidden. We could certainly take a look at it. I
25 am not familiar with the site constraints with

1 regard to bringing a gas line onto the site or
2 with ARX's other developmental plans regarding the
3 site. Sometimes that is challenging with regard
4 to the engineering. But it is, to answer your
5 question directly, it's something that we could
6 work with them on.

7 MR. NGUYEN: Okay. Thank you. And
8 thank you panel.

9 And that's all I have, Mr. Morissette.

10 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Nguyen.
11 We'll now continue with cross-examination by Mr.
12 Carter followed by Ms. Hall.

13 Mr. Carter.

14 MR. CARTER: Good afternoon. I have no
15 questions for the panel, so thank you.

16 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you. We'll now
17 continue with cross-examination by Ms. Hall
18 followed by Dr. Williams.

19 Ms. Hall, good afternoon.

20 MS. HALL: Good afternoon. Thank you.
21 I was going to pursue the same line of questioning
22 as Mr. Nguyen. I mean, the answer that if the
23 eight hours expires with still no power and you're
24 going to bring in another portable battery, some
25 of these events are a pretty long duration and

1 kind of shuttling in a battery every eight hours,
2 I'm not sure that's a sound solution as much as I
3 love batteries, and I have three of them in my
4 home. So I too have some concerns about the lack
5 of generating power here.

6 In looking at the site plan, the
7 facility is tucked up into the northwestern corner
8 just 24 feet from neighboring property. Why is it
9 all the way up in that corner so close to
10 neighboring property?

11 THE WITNESS (Coppins): Keith Coppins
12 with ARX Wireless. The reason we put it there,
13 the owner had a commercial business there. He has
14 since not, it's not -- it caught fire sometime in
15 2025. And he is planning on -- I don't know what
16 it is yet, but he's planning on doing some type of
17 development, commercial development on the
18 property, and putting it where we are
19 eliminated -- would allow him to continue to
20 develop the property.

21 MS. HALL: There was, somebody alluded
22 to, it was some sort of commercial establishment
23 24 feet away, which is pretty close. What kind of
24 commercial establishment, do you know?

25 THE WITNESS (Coppins): I believe Mr.

1 Roberts may know that one.

2 THE WITNESS (Roberts): I will double
3 check. I thought it was a small office, but I can
4 double check and get back to you if you give me
5 five minutes, a homework assignment.

6 MS. HALL: Okay. All right. I kind of
7 expected Mr. Nguyen to ask some questions about
8 yield points because he often does. You said you
9 were going to design in a 23-foot yield point
10 which is what it would take to avoid hitting
11 something that's 24 feet away. I am not a
12 physicist. I'm not an engineer. When you've got
13 a 120-foot pole, 125-foot pole and the yield point
14 is 23 feet, that leaves a lot, 100 feet up in the
15 air. From an engineering point of view, again,
16 I'm asking this out of naivete, from an
17 engineering point of view, is there still a danger
18 from that pole toppling?

19 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Doug Roberts,
20 sorry. Just to elaborate, the pole is designed to
21 meet Connecticut State Building Code, and there
22 are certain wind requirements of that, and there's
23 many safety factors in play with that. And what
24 will happen is once that's shed, top piece is
25 shed, let's say, the 24-foot for the yield point,

1 if you will, the wind load on that would have to
2 be like 200 miles an hour to cause the rest of it
3 to fail. It would be inconceivable.

4 I think we've all watched hurricanes
5 from, you know, Puerto Rico or in the islands
6 where we see the only thing standing on the
7 islands are cell towers, and everyone is huddled
8 around trying to let everyone know they're safe.
9 They're designed to withstand a substantial amount
10 of wind.

11 MS. HALL: Okay. Thank you for that.
12 I just needed that explanation.

13 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Surely.

14 MS. HALL: I have no further questions.
15 Thank you.

16 THE VICE CHAIR: We'll continue with
17 cross-examination by Dr. Williams followed by Mr.
18 Syme.

19 Dr. Williams.

20 DR. WILLIAMS: I have no questions at
21 this time. Thank you.

22 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Dr.
23 Williams. We'll continue with cross-examination
24 by Mr. Syme followed by Mr. Lynch.

25 Mr. Syme.

1 MR. SYME: Good afternoon. I guess I
2 have more just a comment. I mean, this tower
3 seems like it's going in a real congested area as
4 far as residential and business and whatnot. But
5 I guess, I mean, there is no received comments
6 against the project that I can see other than
7 Norwich had a little concern about a redevelopment
8 project they wanted to do.

9 So I guess my question to the applicant
10 is, did any neighbors or anything respond? I
11 didn't really see anything, but maybe I just
12 missed something when I was reviewing the data
13 last night.

14 THE WITNESS (Coppins): We've just had
15 comments from the City of Norwich.

16 MR. SYME: Okay. So the one I saw was
17 the only one that came through on that. Okay.

18 THE WITNESS (Coppins): That's correct.

19 MR. SYME: Okay. Very good. Thank
20 you. I'm all set. I have no further questions.

21 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Thank you.
22 We'll now continue with cross-examination by Mr.
23 Lynch followed by myself.

24 Mr. Lynch.

25 MR. LYNCH: I'm having trouble

1 speaking, so bear with me. To continue to beat a
2 dead horse on the backup power, you said that the
3 battery would be replaced or recharged?

4 THE WITNESS (Glidden): This is Liz
5 Glidden. Replaced with a recharged battery,
6 swapped out.

7 MR. LYNCH: Now, you also made the
8 statement that one of the reasons you didn't have
9 a generator and are relying just on backup power
10 batteries is that -- I wrote it down and I can't
11 even read it -- you didn't think that it was
12 necessary to use a generator. That tells me that
13 this isn't a very important site on your network
14 if you didn't think it was reasonable that you
15 could have relied on an eight-hour, which is
16 really stretching it, backup battery.

17 THE WITNESS (Glidden): This is Liz
18 Glidden. This site is both for capacity and for
19 coverage. When we have a site that is partially
20 for capacity, we are in a position to forego a
21 generator sometimes when we feel that there is
22 perhaps a space constraint. Initially, as I
23 mentioned, there were greater space constraints
24 because there was another carrier who was the lead
25 carrier, and since then that's something that we

1 can look at.

2 MR. LYNCH: My next question, is this
3 primarily a capacity site or a coverage site?

4 THE WITNESS (Glidden): This is Liz
5 Glidden. It's both.

6 MR. LYNCH: All right. I'm asking
7 which would be the major usage, capacity or
8 coverage?

9 THE WITNESS (Glidden): I'm going to
10 have to use my, ask --

11 ATTORNEY DEANS: Mr. Lavin might be
12 able to answer that question. You're still on
13 mute.

14 THE WITNESS (Lavin): As I'm often
15 known to be. I think the two are very close. I
16 would say coverage is probably slightly more
17 important than capacity in this case, but the two
18 are very close.

19 MR. LYNCH: All right. Mr. Lavin, I'm
20 going to ask you my standard question. If your
21 telephone trunk backup line goes down, what do you
22 have in place to get the telephone line back so
23 your cell site isn't dead?

24 THE WITNESS (Lavin): I believe we have
25 redundant routing. It's a general practice in the

1 industry to have two separate providers providing
2 the fiber, if possible, and to make sure it's not
3 in the same strand on the same pole. So that
4 would be the, if a second redundant backhaul is
5 available, then that would be the diversity plan
6 for the backhaul to have two providers and
7 hopefully going in different routes and not being
8 knocked out by the same incident.

9 MR. LYNCH: All right. Thank you.
10 That was the best answer I've gotten in a long
11 time.

12 THE WITNESS (Lavin): That's a standard
13 question, so I'm getting better at it.

14 MR. LYNCH: Yeah. Mr. Roberts, in your
15 phase one environmental did I hear you right that
16 there is no contaminants?

17 THE WITNESS (Roberts): That is
18 correct, sir.

19 MR. LYNCH: All right. Thank you. And
20 you also stated that if the town came in with whip
21 antennas you'd need, I think you said you need a
22 standard 10-foot separation between the antennas,
23 the whip antennas and the cell antennas; is that
24 correct?

25 THE WITNESS (Roberts): That is

1 correct. Again, we don't know what antennas the
2 town would propose, whether they're, you know,
3 20-foot whips or 8-foot whips. So it's kind of a
4 hard number to say, if you know what I mean.

5 MR. LYNCH: Yeah. So if you're at 120
6 feet and the town comes in with their whips, how
7 would they be attached?

8 THE WITNESS (Roberts): What we've done
9 in the past on sites that the town has come back
10 to us and said we want to put our antennas on, we
11 normally put a 10-foot extension which allows them
12 to put their own platform or booms up and run
13 their antennas off those platforms as opposed to
14 mounting it on a carrier's platform below because
15 then that interferes with future expansion on the
16 carrier side. I hope that answers it correctly
17 for you.

18 MR. LYNCH: So if I heard you
19 correctly, you'd have to go up an additional 10
20 feet on the tower height?

21 THE WITNESS (Roberts): If the town
22 wished to collocate on it. Sometimes we have a
23 town that only needs a repeater site, they want a
24 microwave link or something like that, and, you
25 know, that can even be below the carriers. But

1 again, we're just surmising that they have a need
2 for the site and kind of anticipating what they
3 would want based on past experience what seemed to
4 work best off the top.

5 MR. LYNCH: All right. Now, Mr.
6 Roberts, I've got to put you on the spot. Do you
7 know -- you mentioned towers going down. Do you
8 know of any tower, other than lattice towers, that
9 have collapsed in a hurricane or a strong wind,
10 and I'm talking about a monopole. To my
11 knowledge, I don't know of any going down. I know
12 the antennas have been ripped off, but I don't --
13 I'm asking do we really need a fall point?

14 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Very good
15 question. I do remember, and this may be 20, 25
16 years ago, sir, there was a tower that did come
17 down and it was a monopole. It was at a
18 firehouse. It was, I'll call it a faulty
19 installation. I've heard them come down, but in
20 some cases it wasn't the tower that broke, it was
21 the water migrating from a hurricane that
22 undermined the foundation and the whole thing just
23 toppled over because it had lost its support.

24 MR. LYNCH: But in that case, the whole
25 tower came down, right?

1 THE WITNESS (Roberts): That is
2 correct.

3 MR. LYNCH: All right. Mr. Morissette,
4 I'm all done with questions.

5 THE VICE CHAIR: I'm going to beat two
6 dead horses. I'd like to talk about the yield
7 point, first of all. Now, I understand the yield
8 point. Is a yield point, is there directional
9 built into the yield point?

10 THE WITNESS (Roberts): No. The yield
11 point, it would be like notching a tree, if you
12 will, and felling a tree. The yield point would
13 be a section. Normally we've done most recent
14 towers with yield points where we do a
15 plate-to-plate connection, and those bolts
16 themselves are calculated to be at a reduced -- or
17 to meet code. Obviously the rest is above code,
18 you know, the sections are above code, but by
19 doing it with the bolts we have control on where
20 that yield point would actually be. It's not like
21 a, you know, we wouldn't be suggesting in any way
22 that the tower would be compromised at a certain
23 location. It's designed with a yield point with
24 bolts. Now, you know, the wind can come in any
25 direction. So if it were to activate, it would

1 most likely just fall upon the tower itself, just
2 fold over upon itself.

3 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Thank you.

4 The second item is the generator. I
5 would think, Ms. Glidden, that at minimum you'd
6 have a plug-in for an emergency generator. I
7 mean, that should be almost a standard for your
8 sites, especially if you don't have a generator as
9 backup.

10 THE WITNESS (Glidden): This is Liz
11 Glidden. At the time that we looked at the site,
12 the field technicians made a determination that
13 that wasn't necessary, but it's certainly
14 something I can bring back and we can review.

15 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Thank you.
16 Okay. This is concerning, my next question is
17 concerning the change in height. The tower is now
18 125, was 135. I'm not understanding why, because
19 AT&T dropped out, whether that was the driver of
20 lowering the height or was it something else, and
21 how did we get to 125 with still four carriers on
22 the tower?

23 THE WITNESS (Coppins): This is Keith
24 Coppins with ARX Wireless. Since AT&T was driving
25 the height at 135 and it worked for Verizon at 135

1 with AT&T going at 130 and Verizon going at 120,
2 they determined that that height worked for them.
3 And we, typically we want to bring in the lowest
4 height possible to the Siting Council, and we
5 determined that bringing the height back to 120,
6 which is what they accepted, would work. And so
7 that's why we decreased the height.

8 While I'm speaking also I just want to
9 correct the record. Our lease area is 1,800
10 square feet; however, we still have room for a
11 generator.

12 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Thank you.
13 Okay. These next questions are for Mr. Lavin I
14 know you were anxiously awaiting. Now, the radio
15 frequency analysis in the application was done for
16 AT&T; however, you did it. So is this your
17 analysis for the record for Verizon as well?

18 THE WITNESS (Lavin): Are we talking
19 about the coverage or the RF exposure?

20 THE VICE CHAIR: Coverage.

21 THE WITNESS (Lavin): Coverage. The
22 coverage on the record for Verizon was done by C
23 Squared, yes.

24 THE VICE CHAIR: Okay. So the
25 information in the application is for Verizon as

1 well?

2 THE WITNESS (Lavin): The RF report
3 that was in the original application is just for
4 AT&T. When Verizon intervened we created plots
5 for them to show their coverage at 120.

6 ATTORNEY DEANS: If I may, Mr.
7 Morissette, the coverage plots for Verizon are
8 provided in attachment 3 to the responses to the
9 Council's interrogatories.

10 THE VICE CHAIR: Okay. You're going to
11 have to give me a minute because I did not see
12 those. All right, let me, I'm going to ask this
13 question. It appears that without having the
14 Verizon plots in front of me, it appears that the
15 coverage doesn't extend to, was that 395?

16 THE WITNESS (Lavin): In the case of
17 our road coverage, the road coverage we submitted
18 in response to Interrogatory 11 extends to New
19 London Turnpike, but I don't see 395 on there
20 unless that is New London Turnpike.

21 THE VICE CHAIR: Well, it's the highway
22 that's to the west of the site, and it seems to
23 come up short. Let me get to your coverage maps.
24 Sorry.

25 Attorney Deans, those were December

1 29th interrogatory responses?

2 ATTORNEY DEANS: Yes, attachment 3 to
3 those interrogatory responses.

4 THE VICE CHAIR: Great. I've got them.
5 Thank you.

6 Okay. So your coverage plots go to
7 395. So that's very interesting. Okay. Well,
8 AT&T's did not, which I found a little surprising
9 and why the -- okay.

10 THE WITNESS (Lavin): New London
11 Turnpike and 395 are on two different roads, yes.

12 THE VICE CHAIR: Yes, 395 is a major
13 highway that goes north from Norwich, and I would
14 expect that you would be very concerned out of the
15 coverage on that area, but it looks like it covers
16 from Norwich North on 395 actually very nicely.

17 Okay. That takes care of my questions on
18 coverage. If I looked at the right information, I
19 would have had the answer. But thank you.

20 Okay. That concludes my
21 cross-examination. We'll continue with
22 cross-examination of the applicant by Cellco
23 Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless.

24 MS. HALL: May I ask, Mr. Roberts, have
25 you had a chance to determine what the commercial

1 establishment was?

2 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Yes. Thank you
3 for jumping in. I was trying to figure out how I
4 could get in. Yeah, it was a restaurant, but the
5 property was for sale, but it's a commercial
6 establishment. There's parking to the west of the
7 building itself. And it's a multiple little
8 shopping area with a restaurant in the front and
9 some office space in the rear the last time I was
10 there.

11 MS. HALL: Thank you.

12 THE WITNESS (Roberts): Thank you.

13 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Ms. Hall.

14 We'll continue cross-examination of the
15 applicant by Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon
16 Wireless, Attorney Baldwin -- I'm sorry, Attorney
17 Deans. Sorry.

18 ATTORNEY DEANS: Thank you, Vice Chair
19 Morissette. Before we get to that, Mr. Lavin had
20 been able to find the additional information
21 regarding the power density for Cellco, so he
22 could provide that.

23 THE WITNESS (Lavin): Yes. Based on
24 Centerline's report and removing AT&T's emitters,
25 the Verizon contribution, since they're the only

1 one on the tower, is 2.1853 percent.

2 ATTORNEY DEANS: Thank you, Mr. Lavin.

3 And we have no additional cross for the
4 applicant. Thank you, Vice Chair Morissette.

5 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Attorney
6 Deans. We will continue with cross-examination of
7 Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless by the
8 applicant, Attorney Ball.

9 ATTORNEY BALL: Thank you, Mr.
10 Morissette. I have no questions of Cellco. Thank
11 you.

12 THE VICE CHAIR: Very good. Thank you.

13 Okay. That concludes our hearing for
14 this afternoon. The Council will recess until
15 6:30 p.m., at which time we will commence with the
16 public comment session of this public hearing.
17 And thank you, everyone, for your participation.
18 Have a good afternoon. And we'll see everybody
19 this evening.

20 (Whereupon, the hearing adjourned at
21 3:05 p.m.)

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