

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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 Comment Session held on Thursday,
January 15, 2026, beginning at 6:30 p.m.,
via Zoom.

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1 (Commenced at 6:30 p.m.)

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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, Lisa Fontaine.

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

21 This is a continuation of the public
22 hearing that began at 2 p.m. this afternoon. A
23 copy of the prepared agenda is available on the
24 Council's website, along with the record of this
25 matter, the public hearing notice, instructions

1 for public access to this public hearing, and the
2 Council's Citizens Guide to Siting Council
3 Procedures.

4 This hearing is held pursuant to the
5 provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut General
6 Statutes and of the Uniform Administrative
7 Procedure Act upon an application from ARX
8 Wireless Infrastructure, LLC for a Certificate of
9 Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for
10 the construction, maintenance, and operation of a
11 telecommunications facility and associated
12 equipment located at 577 West Main Street, which
13 is also Route 82, in Norwich, Connecticut. This
14 application was received by the Council on
15 September 30, 2025.

16 This application is also governed by
17 the Telecommunications Act of 1996 which is
18 administered by the Federal Communications
19 Commission. This Act prohibits this Council from
20 considering the health effects of radio frequency
21 emissions on human health and wildlife to the
22 extent the emissions from towers are within the
23 federal acceptable safe limits standard, which
24 standard is also followed by the state Department
25 of Public Health.

1 The Federal Act also prohibits this
2 Council from discriminating between and amongst
3 providers of functionally equivalent services.
4 This means that if one carrier already provides
5 service for an area, other carriers have the right
6 to compete and provide service in the same area.

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

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

20 This public comment session is reserved
21 for members of the public who signed up to make
22 brief statements into the record. The deadline
23 for the public to sign up to speak during the
24 public comment session was Wednesday, January 14,
25 2026. No member of the public signed up to speak.

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

4 I request the applicant to make a brief
5 presentation to the public describing the proposed
6 facility. I believe either Keith Coppins or
7 Douglas Roberts will be making the presentation.

8 Gentlemen.

9 DOUGLAS ROBERTS: That would be me,
10 Doug Roberts. I'd be honored to.

11 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr.
12 Roberts.

13 DOUGLAS ROBERTS: Thank you. This is
14 our project located at 577 West Main Street in
15 Norwich. We're proposing a 125-foot monopole
16 tower and compound with Verizon Wireless at 120
17 and room for three additional carriers on that
18 tower. If we could go to the next sheet. Thank
19 you.

20 And this is our survey of the existing
21 site itself. There's an existing car wash located
22 on the site that's being renovated soon, that
23 area. Our site itself is located on the far west
24 side of the parcel, and we'll be bringing
25 utilities in along that property line from an

1 existing utility pole from underground so as not
2 to encumber the rest of the site with anything for
3 the tower itself. Next sheet would be great.

4 It's a little demolition sheet showing
5 some plantings that we're going to be removing,
6 some small trees along the property line so that
7 we can put in a gravity retaining wall and
8 construct our foundation itself. The next sheet
9 would be helpful.

10 That basically shows our compound in
11 relationship to the existing building itself and
12 the location of the utilities and the pole that
13 we're connecting to. Next sheet would be helpful.
14 Thank you.

15 And this sheet has ARX, our compound
16 itself, a detail of our compound. We have room
17 for four carriers. Each carrier's lease area is
18 12 by 20, and that normally is their standard
19 lease requirements for both generator and radio
20 equipment. Unless there is propane tanks required
21 where they need to use propane instead of diesel,
22 then we end up with NFPA 58 clearances required,
23 and that kind of makes our compound grow larger.
24 But we have room right here for four carriers as
25 well as town equipment. Usually they're in a

1 separate little cabinet, and if they have a
2 building it's maybe in the order of 10 by 10, 10
3 by 12 based on past experience.

4 We are locating our meter center on the
5 left bottom side of the compound itself so that
6 all our utilities will be brought in from that
7 side. And on the left side of this sheet is an
8 elevation of the tower itself. The next sheet
9 would be helpful. Thank you.

10 This is basically a relationship
11 looking from the street at the site. We have an
12 existing utility pole at the existing building
13 showing the proposed monopole with carrier Verizon
14 on it as well as some plantings in the background,
15 a fence and our sort of cut-in where the retaining
16 wall is going to be shown. Next sheet would be
17 helpful.

18 These are just two cross sections
19 showing the grade and how we're cutting into the
20 site itself and the relationship of the trees and
21 fence to that site. The next sheet would be --

22 Just some details of our gravity
23 retaining wall, fence details, typical
24 construction details that will be relevant to the
25 D&M at the time. And the last one is

1 sedimentation and erosion control plans. Thank
2 you very much.

3 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr.
4 Roberts.

5 Before closing this hearing, the
6 Connecticut Siting Council announces that briefs
7 and proposed findings of fact may be filed with
8 the Council by any party or intervenor no later
9 than February 14, 2026. The submission of briefs
10 or proposed findings of fact are not required by
11 this Council; rather, we leave it to the choice of
12 the parties and intervenors.

13 Anyone who has not become a party or
14 intervenor but who desires to make his or her
15 views known to the Council may file written
16 statements with the Council within 30 days of the
17 date hereof.

18 The Council will issue draft findings
19 of fact, and thereafter parties and intervenors
20 may identify errors or inconsistencies between the
21 Council's draft findings of fact and the record.
22 However, no new information, no new evidence, and
23 no arguments and no reply briefs without our
24 permission will be considered by the Council.

25 Copies of the transcript of this

1 hearing will be filed at the Norwich City Clerk's
2 Office.

3 I hereby declare this hearing
4 adjourned. And thank you, everyone, for your
5 participation. Have a good evening. Thank you.

6 DOUGLAS ROBERTS: Thank you.

7 (Whereupon, the above proceedings
8 concluded at 6:40 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

3 I hereby certify that the foregoing 11 pages
4 are a complete and accurate computer-aided
5 transcription of my original stenotype notes taken
6 of the Public Comment Session of the hearing in
7 Re: DOCKET NO. 544, ARX WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE,
8 LLC AND NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC APPLICATION
9 FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY
10 AND PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE,
11 AND OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AND
12 ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT 577 WEST MAIN
13 STREET (Route 82), NORWICH, CONNECTICUT, which was
14 held before JOHN MORISSETTE, VICE CHAIR, via Zoom,
15 on January 15, 2026.

Lisa Wallace

Lisa L. Warner, CSR 061

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