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1 . . .Verbatim proceedings of a field tour
2 conducted by the State of Connecticut Siting Council, Re:
3 Docket No. 272, held on December 17, 2003 . . .
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7 MR. CUNLIFFE: We'll be taking a left out
8 of the parking lot onto Lyons Terrace.

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10 At the stop, we'll be taking a left onto
11 Golden Hill Street.

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13 At the light, we'll be taking a right onto
14 Main Street. (Pause).

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16 At this light it is now Fairfield Avenue,
17 we'll be making a left. (Pause). Is there a place you
18 can pull over?

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20 A VOICE: Right here may be a problem.

21

22 (Pause)

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24 MR. CUNLIFFE: We'll go straight through
the light and go straight through -- and stay on
Fairfield Avenue.

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26 We go through straight -- crossing Water
27 Street. As we do, you'll be looking to your left as we
28 go under the railroad bridge. This could be a site for a
29 directional bore under the railroad.

30

31 Okay, we're going to stay on this road all

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1 the way out.

2 We stay straight, staying on Stratford
3 Avenue. We follow Stratford Ave. going over a bridge,
4 over a waterway, and we will be taking a left at the next
5 light that is the underpass to I-95, this will be Seaview
6 Avenue.

7 A VOICE: We're going to take a left here?

8 MR. CUNLIFFE: Take a left. Okay. We
9 stay straight on Seaview Avenue.

10 A VOICE: Mark Smith -- come in Mark
11 Smith.

12 MR. CUNLIFFE: For your information, we're
13 working our way to the Bridgeport/Stratford line to begin
14 the underground review. This is just a proceeding to get
15 us to the beginning point.

16 At the stop sign, you will pass under the
17 railroad bridge.

18 At the light, this is Barnum Avenue.
19 You're going to make a right-hand turn.

20 MR. ASHTON: Fred, I think that this is
21 the route from the substation in Bridgeport back to East
22 Devon.

23 MR. CUNLIFFE: A portion of it is. The
24 Barnum Avenue route will be part of this. We're going to

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1 go to the Bridgeport/Stratford line and come back on
2 Barnum Avenue working our way to our left once we begin.

3 MR. ASHTON: And will we get a chance to
4 see the proposed substation site?

5 MR. CUNLIFFE: If you look directly across
6 from this stoplight, to our left that is a proposed site
7 for a transition station for underground to overhead.

8 CHAIRMAN KATZ: Fred, is that the Seaview
9 Transition Station?

10 MR. CUNLIFFE: Correct.

11 CHAIRMAN KATZ: Thank you.

12 MR. CUNLIFFE: What my plan is, is when we
13 get to the area where we want to start, there's going to
14 be a left-hand turn, and I believe there's a vacant
15 business with probably enough room for six cars, seven
16 cars, for us to stage ourselves and begin. (Pause).

17 We're at the light -- the intersection of
18 Barnum and Elizabeth Street. We would continue straight
19 through this light.

20 A VOICE: Fred, is this the actual
21 underground route?

22 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yes. We are traveling
23 along a roadway that would be part of the underground
24 route.

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1 A VOICE: Thanks.

2 MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay, we're on Bishop. I
3 think the next street we're looking for is Kent, so the
4 next street up we're going to take a left and swing into
5 the vacant business parking lot. The next one up where
6 Meineke says.

7 You would proceed along Barnum until you
8 come to McDonalds, Sage Avenue is on your left, Meineke
9 business, we're going to turn around in that parking
10 area. It's a vacant operation and plenty of room to turn
11 around.

12 We're at the Bridgeport/Stratford line,
13 Kent Avenue/Barnum Avenue, to begin the underground
14 review of the 345-kV transmission line.

15 CHAIRMAN KATZ: Fred, there was a slight
16 alternative of the route in Bridgeport. I think it was
17 somewhere around .3 miles. Are we going to see that
18 today?

19 MR. CUNLIFFE: We're going to follow
20 Barnum Avenue until we come to Washington Park, Noble
21 Street.

22 The underground alternative you're
23 speaking of is identified and it would start at Seaview
24 Avenue.

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1 MR. ASHTON: What are the terminals, Fred?
2 We talk about a 345 line. It seems to me we would hang a
3 terminal -- hang terminals on the description --

4 MR. CUNLIFFE: Exactly what do you mean,
5 Phil?

6 MR. ASHTON: We've got a 345 line from
7 East Devon Junction to Seaview and another line --
8 another circuit from Seaview to Norwalk. Now this is the
9 East Devon Junction to Seaview section?

10 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yes. It would be a
11 continuous route between Devon and Singer Substation. An
12 alternative could be an overhead from Devon through
13 Stratford down south to the Seaview Transition Station,
14 which I pointed out at the intersection of Barnum and
15 Seaview.

16 MR. ASHTON: The alternate?

17 MR. CUNLIFFE: As -- correct, as the
18 alternate. Then there would be -- the alternate
19 underground route would be from the Seaview Transition
20 Station along the same route that we would follow as we
21 are now to the Singer Substation.

22 MR. ASHTON: Okay. So this is all the
23 segment between Singer and East Devon we're looking at
24 right now?

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1 MR. CUNLIFFE: Correct.

2 A VOICE: Mark Smith -- come in Mark
3 Smith.

4 MR. CUNLIFFE: You stay straight on Barnum
5 Avenue through the Central Ave. intersection. Once again
6 I'm going to point out we're at the Seaview Ave./Barnum
7 Ave. intersection. And as we pass through it, to your
8 right will be a building and a vacant parking area. This
9 would be the site of the Seaview Transition Station. The
10 overhead lines would go north of here and the underground
11 would south of here.

12 MR. PHELPS: Fred, this is Derek, can you
13 hear me?

14 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yes, Derek.

15 MR. PHELPS: Lisa is inquiring about where
16 you might have a copy of the -- you know, that letter
17 that Representative Stillman read into the record at the
18 beginning of the 265 hearing the other day. Do you have
19 one in your office area there?

20 MR. CUNLIFFE: I believe it was in the box
21 of the record brought back. It would have been a loose
22 letter in the box that we -- came back in.

23 We're at the intersection of Barnum Avenue
24 and East Main Street. You would continue straight on

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1 Barnum Avenue.

2 Okay, just up here will be Washington
3 Park, that will be a green area. And at the end of the
4 green area will be Noble.

5 We're approaching Washington Park, a green
6 area for the City. At the end of the park is Noble Ave.,
7 we will take a left. The lights are working good, huh.
8 We're not getting broken up too much here.

9 Now we're on Noble. You will approach a
10 light at the end of Washington Park. At the intersection
11 of East Washington Ave. we will go straight.

12 Noble Ave. turns into Crescent and you're
13 going to bear right, and then we're going to make a quick
14 left and go under the railroad tracks.

15 At the stop sign we will go straight.
16 This is the location of an alternative route to
17 directional bore drill the line under the Pequonnock
18 River. We will now enter into the back end of the
19 parking area and turn around and head back out.

20 This location is a supported change by the
21 community to do -- to bypass, an East
22 Washington/Fairfield Ave. underground route. And it goes
23 -- we're going to go straight through the intersection of
24 Pulaski and Noble. We're going to make a right onto

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1 Crescent, which will change to Noble Avenue as we bear
2 left. As we approach the light this is East Washington
3 Avenue and Noble Avenue, we will turn left. I don't know
4 if you'll need to pull over or not.

5 A VOICE: They're still coming through.

6 MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay. Stay on Washington
7 Avenue, you'll come to a stop sign, go straight at
8 William Street.

9 East Washington Avenue again. At the
10 Knowlton Street stop sign go straight.

11 We're coming to a water crossing of the
12 Pequonnock River, you would cross this bridge.

13 A VOICE: Fred, is this another
14 directional drill?

15 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yes. The location we just
16 came from when we went through the parking area with a
17 vacant lot, that would be a staging area to do a
18 directional drill. A supported change by the City. And
19 as an alternative, they would have to bolt their cable to
20 the bottom of this bridge.

21 A VOICE: Not recommended.

22 A VOICE: Has it been proposed?

23 MR. CUNLIFFE: That is a -- that was
24 proposed, but there is a supported change --

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1 A VOICE: (Indiscernible) --

2 CHAIRMAN KATZ: Fred, right now they're
3 leaning -- the City is leaning toward doing the
4 directional drill?

5 MR. CUNLIFFE: We've already seen the area
6 for the directional drill when we turned around back at
7 that parking -- shopping center parking area there.

8 We're approaching left onto Housatonic
9 Avenue.

10 MR. ASHTON: By the way, Fred, one
11 question you want to ask the Applicant is, is it an
12 eight-inch pipe -- is an eight-inch pipe adequate for
13 three conductors, twenty-five hundred circular mil 345
14 cables. I have a feeling it's -- probably 10-inch would
15 be better. And that eight-inch may be a mistake.

16 MR. CUNLIFFE: Noted. You're on a four-
17 lane plus wide avenue called Housatonic Avenue. We're
18 moving toward the city center.

19 MR. ASHTON: In a general southerly
20 direction?

21 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yes.

22 A VOICE: Is the line on this road?

23 MR. CUNLIFFE: This is a proposed route;
24 however, there's a supported change for the directional

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1 bore, which would bypass all this.

2 A VOICE: Second.

3 MR. CUNLIFFE: Stay straight. Stay
4 straight. We are approaching the intersection of
5 Fairfield Avenue and Housatonic Avenue. To our direct
6 left under the railroad bridge is where the directional
7 bore would occur to accomplish that route. Stay on this
8 -- stay on Housatonic straight past John Street.

9 Housatonic turns into Water Street in the
10 approximate location of the Fairfield Avenue. We are now
11 on Water Street.

12 A VOICE: A left onto Lafayette.

13 MR. CUNLIFFE: Stay on Water Street, it
14 bears to your right, it will turn into North Frontage
15 Ave. The highway is elevated to your left. And take a
16 left onto Lafayette.

17 We go straight through the light at Main
18 Street. You're on North Frontage Street. At the
19 intersection of North Frontage and Broad, you would
20 continue straight.

21 MR. ASHTON: Do we have a flood zone here,
22 Fred, if you know?

23 MR. CUNLIFFE: I don't know.

24 CHAIRMAN KATZ: Ed, we can't ask that on

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1 this driving tape?

2 MR. CUNLIFFE: You will approach Lafayette
3 Avenue, at a light make a left.

4 A VOICE: You want us to go left?

5 MR. CUNLIFFE: We will go left.

6 A VOICE: Can you get around from the back
7 up here because we've got to turn left.

8 MR. CUNLIFFE: Straight. You make a left
9 onto Lafayette and you'll pass under the highway. You
10 will see South Frontage Road in front of you, you will go
11 straight through the light.

12 Follow Lafayette to the stoplight at -- a
13 railroad overpass is in front of you, we'll go under
14 this.

15 We're going to take a left onto Railroad
16 Avenue under the underpass.

17 You will approach a light, Broad Street,
18 Railroad Avenue, go straight.

19 At the stop sign at East Main Street make
20 a right. This underground route is approaching Singer
21 Substation.

22 Slow down right here and pull over. We're
23 at a location of Whiting Street and Main Street. The
24 property to our left would be the proposed site of a

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1 substation.

2 MR. ASHTON: Singer Substation?

3 MR. CUNLIFFE: Singer Substation, correct,
4 located between Whiting and Atlantic. Okay, now you can
5 go, thanks. Stay on Main Street. That's one way out.
6 Okay.

7 You're going to approach University
8 Avenue, make a right.

9 At the intersection of Broad Street go
10 straight.

11 At the intersection of Lafayette make a
12 right.

13 A VOICE: I just want to check again,
14 Fred, is this the route?

15 MR. CUNLIFFE: We are now off the
16 underground route. We're working our way back to
17 Railroad Avenue.

18 At Atlantic Street, you will go straight.
19 You're going to approach Gregory Street, go straight.

20 You approach Railroad Avenue, I wanted to
21 take a note here that Railroad Avenue is the route that
22 the Utilities propose as their underground route between
23 Fairfield Avenue and Singer Substation. We cannot travel
24 the route because it is a one-way and in the direction

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1 that we're going. So we will go out and work our way to
2 Fairfield and work our way west to Fairfield.

3 A VOICE: Go another way?

4 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah, I'm going to -- we
5 will now pass under the railroad to the next light.

6 MR. ASHTON: Those are interesting, you'll
7 notice there were two 115,000 volt circuits above the
8 railroad, one on either side of it, standing on a single
9 -- in a sort of delta configuration.

10 MR. CUNLIFFE: That particular line was
11 approved by the Council in Docket 141.

12 MR. ASHTON: And another one before that,
13 I believe, Fred.

14 MR. CUNLIFFE: You may be correct.
15 (Pause). Lafayette approaches I-95 underpass. We will
16 go under the highway. You'll see to South 95, 8, 15,
17 we'll make a left. It's a left onto South Avenue.

18 A VOICE: Alright, pilot car we haven't
19 gone underneath the overpass yet. Are you on the other
20 side of the overpass?

21 MR. CUNLIFFE: I'm underneath it right
22 now.

23 A VOICE: Alright, let us --

24 A VOICE: Fred, you better pull over.

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1 A VOICE: Okay, I'm going to make a left
2 by the -- in back of the trooper that's stopped there.

3 MR. PHELPS: After going under the
4 overpass, do we continue straight or turn left onto --

5 A VOICE: We're not even at the underpass
6 yet.

7 MR. CUNLIFFE: Once you are at the
8 underpass, you come out from under it there's a light,
9 and you'll see a sign, and next to the light that says to
10 South 95, arrows to the left -- 8 and 15 arrows to the
11 left, turn left.

12 MR. PHELPS: Okay, thank you.

13 A VOICE: I think they probably want to be
14 over there, right?

15 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah. I'm wondering if
16 this is an entrance to the highway?

17 A VOICE: No, it's just got that little
18 thing in the middle.

19 MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay, alright. I wanted to
20 make sure that they don't turn onto those.

21 A VOICE: Yeah, no, that's just somewhat
22 of a divider.

23 MR. CUNLIFFE: Alright.

24 A VOICE: Amy actually drove over that and

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1 tore the whole bottom of her car --

2 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah, that's what it will
3 do. (Pause).

4 You'll be seeing the Bridgeport Harbor
5 Ferry sign, go straight. You'll go straight through
6 Warren Street, South Avenue.

7 Stay straight through the light at Myrtle
8 Avenue, South Avenue.

9 You're approaching Park Avenue, make a
10 right-hand turn at Park Avenue. You're on Park Avenue,
11 follow Park Avenue.

12 Stay on Park Avenue. You're going to
13 cross State Street.

14 At the next light at John Street, you will
15 stay straight -- actually take a left at Lafayette.
16 That's an odd intersection, I don't like that. We're
17 going to make a left onto Lafayette -- correction,
18 Fairfield Avenue.

19 Stay on Fairfield, you're going to go past
20 Garastan Avenue, stay straight, you'll see a parking lot
21 with an iron fence on your left and the Kline Memorial
22 Auditorium on your right.

23 A VOICE: Fred, is this the route or are
24 we still working our way back?

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1 MR. CUNLIFFE: We are still working our
2 way back. After we went from the railroad line, that's
3 where the line would go along the railroad line in this
4 direction, but the roads -- some of them were under
5 construction, some of them are a one-way, so we're
6 working our way to the intersection of Fairfield Avenue
7 and Railroad Avenue, and that's where we'll pick up the
8 route again.

9 A VOICE: Thanks.

10 MR. CUNLIFFE: At Elmwood Street --
11 Elmwood Place and Fairfield you're going to stay straight
12 through the light. Clinton Avenue you're going to cross.

13 A VOICE: We're going straight, so slow
14 down.

15 A VOICE: We got caught at the light.

16 (Pause).

17 A VOICE: Okay, we're caught up.

18 MR. CUNLIFFE: The Fairfield and State
19 Street intersection you will go straight, keeping
20 McDonald's to your right.

21 At McDonald's, Railroad Avenue is on your
22 left just before the railroad underpass, the proposed
23 route will be on the south side of the railroad bridge.
24 As you go under it, they will continue the underground

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1 route along that roadway and continue down Fairfield
2 Avenue --

3 MR. ASHTON: Just for clarification, the
4 proposed route is -- Railroad Avenue that is on the south
5 side of the tracks, is that correct?

6 MR. CUNLIFFE: Correct. We are back on
7 the underground route, back where Railroad Avenue and
8 Fairfield Avenue intersect. We're moving along Route 1,
9 Fairfield Ave. towards Fairfield.

10 As you're traveling along Fairfield
11 Avenue, it has a median with trees planted for a good
12 distance. We're passing into Fairfield, passing over a
13 bridge over Rooster River.

14 As you approach Fairfield Avenue along
15 Route 1, you will come into a rotary, McDonald's will be
16 straight ahead, you want to bear left on the Rotary, and
17 public storage will be on your right, stay straight on
18 Route 1.

19 A VOICE: Hey Chris, we're down to four
20 cars --

21 A VOICE: There's only four?

22 MR. CUNLIFFE: Stay on Fairfield Avenue,
23 go by Chevrolet of Fairfield. You'll be coming into the
24 center of Fairfield and you'll see the Community Theater

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1 to your right.

2 A VOICE: The railroad station is right up
3 the street. They ticket anybody who parks alongside the
4 street.

5 MR. CUNLIFFE: You're on Fairfield Avenue,
6 you'll see a sign 1700 Post Road, you're on the right
7 road, stay straight.

8 You'll go by Mill Plain Road. On your
9 right Fairfield Ave., go straight and you'll go by a
10 Dairy Queen, a subway as you continue on Fairfield
11 Avenue.

12 As you're going along Fairfield Avenue,
13 you'll come to Mill River. You'll cross a bridge on Mill
14 River. As soon as you come over the bridge and around
15 the corner, you'll see Pequot Ave./Mill Hill Road, take a
16 right.

17 A small plaza on your right. Okay, stop
18 here, I want to describe to them what the route is going
19 to do. This is where -- if you look to your right,
20 you'll see a sign do not enter, that's Old Post Road,
21 that's where the underground route would come and
22 intersect with Fairfield Avenue. We're going to go
23 straight and under Old Route 1 and pick up the route on
24 the other side. This jog avoids I-95 and this Route 1

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1 bridge overpass, keeping underground consistent with the
2 soils.

3 This is the route of the underground on
4 Old Post Road. At the stop sign we will make a right. I
5 stand corrected. We just came off Pequot Ave. and now
6 we're going on to Old Post Road. This is a route for the
7 underground.

8 You'll come to a stop sign and go straight
9 under the over -- the highway overpass. Go straight.

10 As you come under the underpass, you'll
11 see a stop sign, go straight.

12 This short road will come and bear right.
13 And this is our turn onto Route 1. We need to make a
14 left to go back onto Route 1.

15 Stay on the left. We've rejoined Route 1
16 heading south towards Westport.

17 We're entering Westport. We're crossing
18 over a body of water, Bulkley Pond, Sasco Brook. You
19 will turn left right here at the shopping center.
20 Probably just go in here and turn around and bring
21 everybody back out.

22 A VOICE: Do you want me to come in here?

23 MR. CUNLIFFE: I think they've -- yeah,
24 everybody is following us.

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1 This is the end of the underground segment
2 into Westport. We're working our way back to the City of
3 Bridgeport via I-95, and then we will pick up an
4 alternative underground route at that location.

5 We turned around at the town line of
6 Fairfield and Westport, we're heading north on Route 1
7 back to I-95 north. Stay on Route 1 north, looking for
8 I-95 north. As you pass under the underpass, you'll see
9 the entrance to New Haven.

10 We go on I-95 north to Exit 25, State
11 Street. Exit 25, State Street, Commerce Street is coming
12 up, this is the exit you would take.

13 A VOICE: We're just approaching the exit
14 now.

15 MR. CUNLIFFE: As you come off the exit,
16 you'll see one stop sign, you stay right. You'll see a
17 second stop sign immediately, make a left.

18 State Street/Commerce Street goes under I-
19 95. You continue along to the intersection with a light.

20 State Street/Commerce Street comes to a
21 light with McDonald's on the right. You're going to make
22 a left at the light and it bears right onto State Street,
23 a one-way road.

24 A VOICE: That's the road we couldn't go

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1 on when --

2 MR. CUNLIFFE: Stay on State Street 'til
3 the first light, go straight through. This is Hancock
4 Avenue, you want to go straight.

5 At the second light you're at the
6 intersection of --

7 A VOICE: Howard --

8 MR. CUNLIFFE: -- Howard, go straight. It
9 says Clinton. At the third light, Clinton Avenue, make a
10 left. This is the beginning of an alternate underground
11 route between Hawthorne Substation and Singer Substation,
12 the proposed substation in Bridgeport. Hawthorne is an
13 existing substation.

14 Clinton Avenue crosses Fairfield Avenue.
15 We continue north on Clinton Avenue.

16 At the light where Clinton Avenue and
17 North Street intersect you're going to bear right, then
18 turn left. This becomes Brooklawn Avenue. Brooklawn
19 Avenue is also referred to as Route 59, a state route,
20 between Singer Substation and Hawthorne Substation and
21 North Fairfield.

22 CHAIRMAN KATZ: I'm looking at my map, is
23 this the north/south line?

24 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yes, it is.

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1 CHAIRMAN KATZ: Thank you.

2 A VOICE: We just crossed the Fairfield
3 line.

4 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah, I was looking for
5 Capitol Ave. on my map, but I don't -- I see it now,
6 okay. Yeah, that -- that section of road is actually a
7 town boundary, one side of the road is in one city and
8 the other side of the road is in the other city.

9 (Pause).

10 Brooklawn Avenue turns into Stratfield
11 Road when you enter the Town of Fairfield heading north,
12 also known as Route 59.

13 I guess it doesn't matter -- it's
14 recording me whether I turn it on or off. Right, Ed?

15 A VOICE: What?

16 MR. CUNLIFFE: I'm being recorded?

17 A VOICE: Yes.

18 (Pause)

19 MR. CUNLIFFE: You'll see the First
20 Presbyterian Church of Fairfield with a large green front
21 lawn on your left. You'll be looking for Hawthorne Drive
22 on your left.

23 A VOICE: Fred, we've got a tape going and
24 we need to be kept up to speed as to where we are and

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1 where we're heading to.

2 MR. CUNLIFFE: We will take a left onto
3 Hawthorne Drive after the First Presbyterian Church along
4 Route 59. This will bring us to Hawthorne Substation.
5 Take a right.

6 CHAIRMAN KATZ: Fred, the Hawthorne
7 Substation --

8 MR. CUNLIFFE: Right here --

9 CHAIRMAN KATZ: -- looks like it's a
10 transition --

11 MR. CUNLIFFE: Take a turn at 160
12 Hawthorne Drive. It's a driveway that goes to the rear
13 of the property to a substation.

14 Correct, a transition station would need
15 to be located at the Hawthorne Substation. As you
16 approach the substation, you'll see that there is some
17 property available.

18 CHAIRMAN KATZ: Thank you.

19 MR. CUNLIFFE: You're going to have to --
20 I don't think you can drive around the substation.

21 A VOICE: How are we going to turn this
22 motorcade around?

23 MR. CUNLIFFE: One car at a time.

24 A VOICE: You can't get out --

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1 MR. CUNLIFFE: No, I don't think there's a
2 road that goes around the back -- I didn't go back there
3 to find out, but I'm pretty sure it doesn't. I think
4 what it does is there's a gate that --

5 A VOICE: How you doing?

6 A VOICE: We must have lost Johnny and
7 those guys.

8 MR. CUNLIFFE: You think so?

9 A VOICE: JB you still here?

10 A VOICE: I'm at the bottom already.

11 A VOICE: You've got the tail car
12 stopping.

13 A VOICE: He's ready for us.

14 MR. CUNLIFFE: Take a left. Exit the
15 Hawthorne Substation, you'll view the right-of-way
16 straight ahead. This would necessitate a widening of
17 about 45 feet.

18 A VOICE: This is overhead or underground?

19 MR. CUNLIFFE: This is the alternate
20 underground.

21 Once again, our route that we took of
22 Fairfield, Clinton Avenue to Brooklawn to Stratfield
23 Road, also known as Route 59, would be the alternate
24 underground route between this substation and the Singer

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1 Substation in Bridgeport.

2 MR. ASHTON: Fred, you might want to hold
3 up a second.

4 MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay.

5 A VOICE: Which way are we going to go?

6 MR. CUNLIFFE: We're going to take a left.

7 MR. ASHTON: I assume you're heading out -

8 -

9 A VOICE: We're waiting for you out here
10 at the main --

11 A VOICE: You're a nice guy.

12 CHAIRMAN KATZ: Fred, are we now heading
13 toward Old Town Substation?

14 MR. CUNLIFFE: We are now going to work
15 our way to a small neighborhood between this substation
16 and Trumbull Junction. It's off Old Town Road.

17 CHAIRMAN KATZ: Thank you.

18 MR. CUNLIFFE: Take a left out of
19 Hawthorne Drive onto Route 59 heading north.

20 A VOICE: Yeah, Chris, you better find a
21 spot and pull over because they're not going to be able
22 to get out of here right away.

23 A VOICE: When we get back, I need for you
24 to look up -- (indiscernible) -- they have that kind of

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1 prerecorded audio presentation --

2 A VOICE: That shouldn't be a problem.

3 (Pause)

4 A VOICE: Okay, Chris.

5 MR. CUNLIFFE: As you're going north,
6 you'll see a juncture for Route 15, you will make a
7 right, that is Jefferson Street.

8 A VOICE: Keep in mind this is the off
9 ramp for Friday night, roger.

10 A VOICE: Roger that.

11 MR. CUNLIFFE: You will stay straight on
12 Jefferson Street, bypassing the entrance to Route 15 on
13 your left.

14 Stay on Jefferson Street, bypassing Notre
15 Dame High School on your left.

16 Just past the Fairfield Health Center, you
17 approach Park Avenue, Jefferson Street and Old Town Road
18 and there's a light, you will go straight through this
19 intersection.

20 CHAIRMAN KATZ: Fred, are we on the
21 overhead route now?

22 MR. CUNLIFFE: We are parallel to an
23 overhead -- an existing overhead 115-kV line that could
24 be considered as an alternative for a rebuild of 345-kV.

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1 We will divert into a neighborhood to see the right-of-
2 way pass through a residential area.

3 MR. ASHTON: Just for everybody's
4 information if they've forgotten, right now there are two
5 115-kV circuits into the Devon Substation, go north,
6 cross the river into Stratford, and go all the way west
7 to the Norwalk Substation. Those circuits are tapped at
8 various load points, Hawthorne Substation for example,
9 and Old Town Substation and West Substation. And they
10 are also tapped at Old Town Junction. At Old Town -- at
11 that junction there's two 115-kV circuits that go down to
12 the Bridgeport Harbor Power Plant. It is an existing
13 right-of-way that they're suppose to utilize after
14 modifications.

15 CHAIRMAN KATZ: Thank you Mike -- I mean
16 Phil.

17 A VOICE: What did she call him?

18 MR. ASHTON: You're welcome, Hillary -- I
19 mean Pam.

20 MR. CUNLIFFE: Now it should be typed up
21 in a bit of -- in a little bit better format. In the
22 version they gave me I had to make corrections.

23 A VOICE: (Indiscernible) -- for a 10-
24 minute break?

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1 MR. CUNLIFFE: I'm a task master, no
2 breaks.

3 A VOICE: We're going straight?

4 MR. CUNLIFFE: Straight. On Old Town Road
5 you approach Madison Avenue. You stay straight through
6 the intersection with a light.

7 A VOICE: (Indiscernible) -- substation?

8 MR. CUNLIFFE: Not -- no, no substations.
9 I'm going to take them through a neighborhood where you
10 can see the right-of-way.

11 A VOICE: Okay. Before you get there, I'm
12 going to change the tape, okay?

13 MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay. Take your time.

14 (Pause)

15 A VOICE: Okay, we're back on. This will
16 be the beginning of Tape 2.

17 MR. CUNLIFFE: We're going to go straight.
18 At Main Street at the light go straight through, you're
19 still on Old Town Road.

20 At the stop sign, French Town Street, go
21 straight.

22 Okay, the next street we're going to take
23 a right, it's going to come up a little bit. After
24 French Town Road, you'll see Linda Road on your right, we

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1 just passed it, the next street is called Cumberland,
2 that's the road we're going to take a right onto.

3 Go slow through here. A left onto Dexter.
4 We've got to take a left. We're going to take a left
5 onto Dexter and then a left onto Forestview. Go
6 straight. Forestview. Right here there's lines we're
7 going to go under. You're going to approach the overhead
8 115-kV lines. If you were to look to your left and to
9 your right, you'll see the neighborhood and the expansion
10 of the road that would need -- that may result in the
11 taking of some houses.

12 A VOICE: If you look overhead, you'll see
13 the conductors --

14 MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay, you can pass the bus,
15 they'll catch up. The fog is not helping today.

16 At the stop sign you're going to take a
17 right onto Old Town.

18 CHAIRMAN KATZ: Fred, does this
19 neighborhood have a name?

20 MR. CUNLIFFE: We -- we haven't designated
21 it a name. You can certainly call it Cumberland Road,
22 Forestview neighborhood, Bridgeport.

23 CHAIRMAN KATZ: Thank you.

24 MR. CUNLIFFE: You will approach a stop

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1 sign and you will go straight through this stop sign.
2 This is going to take us into Cambridge Drive. It's an
3 industrial park with office buildings.

4 Follow Cambridge Drive to the end of the
5 park. As you do, you'll notice you're going to travel
6 under the conductors, and you'll see a monopole. And
7 straight ahead once ahead would be a right-of-way that
8 would require expansion, an expansion of approximately 45
9 feet.

10 MR. ASHTON: An overhead transmission line
11 from East Devon to Norwalk. The pole is probably about a
12 hundred feet tall.

13 MR. CUNLIFFE: The proposed
14 reconstruction, a typical height of about 105 feet.

15 MR. ASHTON: The existing 115-kV line goes
16 back I believe to 1920 -- (indiscernible) -- line between
17 Devon and Norwalk. The line was converted to 115 about
18 1955 --

19 MR. CUNLIFFE: At the end of the --
20 Industrial Park Road, Cambridge Drive, you come to a stop
21 sign, make a left. Make a left coming out of the
22 Cambridge Drive industrial park onto Old Town Road.

23 You'll begin to climb a hill. Old Town
24 Road turns left. Left. Old Town Road zigzags through

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1 this portion of Bridgeport as we work our way over to
2 Route 8.

3 Stay on Old Town Road at the Red Oak Road
4 stop sign, continue straight. Continue straight on Old
5 Town Road at Reservoir Road intersection.

6 You'll come to a stop sign at the
7 intersection of Sylvan Avenue and Old Town Road, make a
8 right. The Bridgeport Police satellite office on your
9 right. At the stop sign take a left, it goes onto Old
10 Town Road.

11 The intersection of Stillson Road and Old
12 Town Road at a light go straight.

13 MR. ASHTON: That's Route 8 ahead of us,
14 Fred?

15 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yes. I'm working my way to
16 Route 8 to bring us to Trumbull Junction. The entrance
17 to Route 8 north is in the left lane. Yeah, we're going
18 to go straight across and get on the highway, but -- I
19 learned the hard way -- when I came down here I was in
20 the right lane and I get all the way up here and it says
21 a right turn only. We're entering Route 8 north.

22 MR. ASHTON: Okay, we've got -- hang on,
23 Fred.

24 MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay. You might want to

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1 pull over.

2 A VOICE: Pull over.

3 MR. PHELPS: Everybody who is behind me --
4 I made a left hand turn when I should have turned right -
5 - you need to -- as you come off, go straight. I made a
6 left-hand turn and I didn't --

7 MR. ASHTON: And we did the same thing, so
8 hang on. We're just now -- we've got a red light.

9 MR. CUNLIFFE: Where did they make a left?

10 A VOICE: Instead of coming straight on
11 the highway, they turned left.

12 MR. CUNLIFFE: Oh, alright.

13 MR. PHELPS: Pilot car, do you hear me?

14 MR. ASHTON: We can see you, Derek, but
15 don't go too far without us. We're stuck at the light.

16 MR. PHELPS: Okay, I'm just pulling over
17 here so you can see me as soon as you make the turn. How
18 many cars behind you made the wrong turn there?

19 MR. ASHTON: I don't think anybody else
20 did.

21 MR. PHELPS: Fred, do you hear me?

22 MR. CUNLIFFE: I hear you.

23 MR. PHELPS: Okay, the trooper just let us
24 through.

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1 MR. ASHTON: Nice job. We are on the ramp
2 heading east or north.

3 MR. PHELPS: Okay, are we recovering here?

4 MR. ASHTON: I think we're in good shape.

5 MR. PHELPS: Let's make sure we get
6 everybody together.

7 MR. CUNLIFFE: Once you're on Route 8,
8 you're going to be looking for Exit 8, Nichols Avenue.

9 A VOICE: Phil, does it look like we're
10 recovered back there?

11 MR. ASHTON: I think so. I don't see the
12 trooper behind us but Ed says he's there. We're in good
13 shape.

14

15 A VOICE: Okay, we're all set, no problem.

16 A VOICE: Exit 8.

17 MR. CUNLIFFE: Exit 8, 108, Nichols Ave.,
18 Stratford is the exit. Exit 8 we're taking it now. The
19 troopers have got us covered, they're communicating
20 between themselves.

21 A VOICE: Take a left.

22 MR. CUNLIFFE: At the end of the exit ramp
23 make a left.

24 A VOICE: Okay.

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1 MR. CUNLIFFE: Make a left into this
2 commuter --

3 MR. ASHTON: We're stuck at a light now,
4 don't go too far.

5 MR. CUNLIFFE: I'm going to turn a left
6 into the commuter parking lot.

7 A VOICE: Phil, we're up by the pilot car
8 now and the trooper is right behind us.

9 MR. CUNLIFFE: It's a one-way out, so I'm
10 going to let them go all the way down and out.

11 MR. PHELPS: Tail car do you copy?

12 A VOICE: Yes. We are --

13 MR. PHELPS: Alright, tail car, do we have
14 the whole --

15 MR. CUNLIFFE: Stop right here --

16 MR. PHELPS: -- the whole motorcade here?

17 MR. ASHTON: Yes, the -- the following
18 trooper is directly behind us.

19 MR. CUNLIFFE: As you can see off to your
20 -- straight or right you see the overhead lines, this is
21 an area that would need to be expanded by as much as 115
22 feet in the right-of-way. And this right-of-way would
23 move both east and south.

24 MR. ASHTON: It's a three-legged tower.

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1 Most have four legs -- (indiscernible) -- or a tower
2 going from the Bridgeport Harbor Plant up to Trumbull
3 Junction.

4 MR. CUNLIFFE: We're going to leave the
5 commuter parking lot and make a left.

6 A VOICE: Which way are we going to go at
7 --

8 MR. CUNLIFFE: Make a right. At the light
9 out of the commuter parking lot we're going to make a
10 right.

11 MR. ASHTON: You've got a little delay
12 getting out of the light -- out of the parking lot.

13 A VOICE: Okay, Chris, you make the right-
14 hand turn and we'll wait for you. I'm just getting up to
15 the pilot car now.

16 A VOICE: What do we do from here, Fred?

17 MR. CUNLIFFE: We're going to make another
18 right at Silver Street, the next street down.

19 A VOICE: Okay, John, I'm taking the right
20 --

21 A VOICE: Okay --

22 A VOICE: -- we're going to stay in the
23 right lane, we've got to make another right anyway.
24 Drive slow.

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1 MR. ASHTON: We're all out of the parking
2 lot now.

3 A VOICE: Alright, when you get to that
4 light, you're going to want to turn right.

5 MR. ASHTON: Say again, we couldn't hear
6 you.

7 MR. PHELPS: When you get up to the light,
8 you're going to turn right.

9 MR. ASHTON: Thank you.

10 MR. CUNLIFFE: You're going to go straight
11 through the light with a gas station on your right.
12 You'll see Ella Grasso Center, go right past that sign,
13 looking for Silver Lane on your right. Make a right
14 right after the gas station.

15 MR. ASHTON: We're hung up at the light,
16 so hang on guys.

17 CHAIRMAN KATZ: Fred, where are we in
18 relation to Trumbull Junction?

19 A VOICE: Make a right at the light and
20 then make a right right after the gas station on Silver
21 Lane.

22 MR. CUNLIFFE: Trumbull Junction would be
23 to our right further north of the commuter parking lot
24 that we went into.

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1 MR. ASHTON: Fred, we are just through to
2 the first light. Now we go east on -- Nichols Avenue I
3 guess it is -- how far --
4 MR. CUNLIFFE: Not far. You're going to
5 go past a gas station and then there will be a street on
6 your right, a kind of dark --
7 A VOICE: -- where are you now?
8 A VOICE: After you make a right --
9 A VOICE: The pilot car move forward
10 slightly --
11 A VOICE: -- right after the gas station.
12 I've got my lights on down the side street. Do you see
13 me?
14 MR. ASHTON: We're now taking the right
15 off Nichols Avenue.
16 A VOICE: Okay, roger, I got -- you can
17 move it out.
18 MR. ASHTON: The caboose is right behind.
19 MR. CUNLIFFE: We're traveling under the
20 conductors at Sorghum Terrace.
21 A VOICE: We need to stay on Silver Lane?
22 MR. CUNLIFFE: Continue to follow Silver
23 Lane -- Silver Street, corrected. (Pause). At a stop
24 sign on Broadbridge Street, you're going to turn right

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1 onto Broadbridge. (Pause).

2 MR. ASHTON: Fred, how about a little bit
3 of commentary of what we're looking at?

4 MR. CUNLIFFE: We just finished looking at
5 a neighborhood along Silver Street where the overhead
6 line intersect a number of streets in that neighborhood
7 and now the line will continue south through some
8 undeveloped area, pick -- picking it back up later.

9 Now we're working our way south. Take a
10 left onto Huntington Turnpike. You have the plaza on
11 your right, then a light, this is Huntington Turnpike.

12 A VOICE: JB, did you make it through the
13 light yet or no?

14 A VOICE: Yeah, I'm through the light and
15 I'm -- we're okay.

16 MR. PHELPS: Fred, do you copy?

17 MR. CUNLIFFE: Go ahead, Derek.

18 MR. PHELPS: Based on where we are now,
19 what would you estimate to be our time at returning back
20 to the City Hall building?

21 MR. CUNLIFFE: We should be back there
22 before 5:00 o'clock.

23 MR. PHELPS: Okay, thank you.

24 MR. CUNLIFFE: Take a left onto East Main,

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1 which may be this -- this intersection. We're
2 approaching East Main Street, take a left.

3 Follow East Main south to Boston Avenue.
4 Follow Route 1 east, that will be a left. East Main
5 south intersecting with Route 1 east and west, you want
6 to go east, that's a left-hand turn.

7 A VOICE: What are we going to look at
8 now?

9 MR. CUNLIFFE: We're working our way to --
10 we're headed on Route 1 east, which will bring us to the
11 crossroads of Stillman's Pond and Pembroke Lake, the
12 intersection with the overhead 115-kV lines and with
13 Seaview Avenue. And that will be a right turn when we
14 get to that intersection.

15 We just approached the overhead 115-kV
16 lines with waterbodies and watercourses we're crossing.

17 MR. ASHTON: What 115-kV line is that,
18 Fred?

19 MR. CUNLIFFE: That's the Old Town
20 Junction to, I believe, the Bridgeport Station.

21 MR. ASHTON: What? Old Town Junction to
22 what, Fred?

23 MR. CUNLIFFE: Bridgeport Station --
24 Bridgeport Harbor.

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1 Make a right when you cross over the
2 river, the waterbodies and -- underneath the transmission
3 line -- that's Seaview Avenue.

4 The intersection of Seaview and Grant,
5 stay straight.

6 MR. ASHTON: We're always straight, you
7 ought to know that.

8 MR. CUNLIFFE: The property to your right,
9 this long building is the proposed site for the Seaview
10 Station transitioning site. We're approaching Barnum
11 Avenue and the end of our today's overhead/underground
12 review.

13 MR. ASHTON: That transitioning site would
14 be -- would be to go from overhead northward to
15 underground going south -- (indiscernible) -- right?

16 MR. CUNLIFFE: That's correct. And you
17 can take a right here onto Barnum. We will take a right
18 onto Barnum, and this will work our way back to City
19 Hall. Thank you.

20 A VOICE: You all set with that --

21 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yep.

22 A VOICE: Should I leave the tape running,
23 Fred, or --

24 MR. CUNLIFFE: No, you can turn it off

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1 now. We're at Barnum.

2 MR. ASHTON: (Indiscernible) -- on your
3 left the existing transition, 115 -- (indiscernible) --
4 overhead to the right, underground to the left.

5 A VOICE: (Indiscernible) -- on this
6 street --

7 MR. CUNLIFFE: Take a left --

8 A VOICE: -- is there?

9 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah, we're on the route
10 now, we're going back to City Hall, okay. It's going to
11 take me over to East Washington and East Washington will
12 take me over to Main Street --

13 A VOICE: Got'cha.

14 MR. CUNLIFFE: -- and we'll be home.

15 A VOICE: Take the radio equipment out of
16 your car.

17 A VOICE: And send me on my way, huh.

18 A VOICE: Yep.

19 A VOICE: I know this has been a tough day
20 for you.

21 MR. CUNLIFFE: Take a right here. Take a
22 right onto East Washington.

23 A VOICE: Well at least you got to stay
24 dry.

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1 A VOICE: Oh, yeah. I enjoyed my day
2 today. I cannot complain.

3 MR. CUNLIFFE: I guess we can't call it a
4 boring assignment, but it's certainly a quiet one.

5 A VOICE: Nice and relaxing.

6 A VOICE: Besides, it beats the heck out
7 of listening to truck drivers --

8 MR. CUNLIFFE: We're going to make a left.

9 A VOICE: You must know some truckers.

10

11 (Tape off)

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