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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 January 21, 2004 . . .

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A VOICE: Okay, the tape is rolling.

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A VOICE: The Town Hall, the Assessor's

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Office --

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MR. PHELPS: Fred --

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A VOICE: The next building over.

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A VOICE: Oh, do I go this way --

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A VOICE: Yes --

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A VOICE: -- or do I have to go --

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A VOICE: You're going to need to go

15

around. There's no way to get through here, sir.

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MR. PHELPS: Okay, I just need to --

17

(indiscernible) -- of how to use this phone --

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A VOICE: That building that says Town

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Hall on it.

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A VOICE: Okay.

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MR. PHELPS: Test, test.

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MR. CUNLIFFE: Test.

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A VOICE: 219 charlie, and also I'll be

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pushing a hazardous 14, 25, northbound 5 entrance ramp.

1 I'll let you know the plan in a second.

2 (Radio chatter)

3 A VOICE: This is what, Docket 275, Fred?

4 MR. CUNLIFFE: 272.

5 A VOICE: 272.

6 A VOICE: Alright. I suggest I travel
7 right behind you, and then the van, and then the tail
8 car.

9 MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay.

10 A VOICE: That's all we got?

11 A VOICE: Do you want lights on for this
12 or --

13 A VOICE: We've been running with lights
14 on.

15 A VOICE: Yeah?

16 A VOICE: Yeah.

17 MR. CUNLIFFE: Probably more on the busy
18 roadways. We're going to be going off on a lot of
19 residential roads, so I don't know how you want to --

20 A VOICE: It doesn't matter to me.

21 MR. CUNLIFFE: Alright.

22 A VOICE: Do you know where we're going
23 here?

24 MR. CUNLIFFE: Take a right out of the

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1 parking lot.

2 We're at the Weston Town Hall. Leaving
3 the Town Hall, take a right onto Northfield Road.
4 Leaving the Town Hall, take a right onto Northfield Road.

5 Take a left at the light. Take a left at
6 the light onto Weston Road, Route 57.

7 (Radio chatter)

8 MR. CUNLIFFE: Did we miss somebody? You
9 might want to pull over and wait.

10 A VOICE: Let's go genius. Police lights
11 don't mean anything to you apparently. Come on
12 knucklehead.

13 A VOICE: Thanks for your help, I
14 appreciate it.

15 A VOICE: I'm sorry, I just --

16 A VOICE: I understand completely.

17 A VOICE: You know, there's a reason these
18 pretty things are on.

19 A VOICE: You mean they're functional as
20 well as decorative.

21 A VOICE: Yeah, imagine that. (Laughter).
22 They don't quite have the effect of, hey, please slow
23 down when you fly by me at 90 miles an hour.

24 (Pause)

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1 MR. CUNLIFFE: You can slow down here a
2 little bit. We're passing under the transmission lines
3 here crossing 57, the substation to your right.

4 You can take a left at the light.
5 Approaching a traffic light at the intersection of Route
6 57 and Good Hill Road, take a left at the light. Turning
7 left onto Good Hill Road off of Route 57 at the light.

8 (Radio chatter)

9 MR. CUNLIFFE: Taking a right here.
10 Taking a right onto River Road. The transmission line
11 right-of-way parallels the road here on your left. You
12 can see it through the trees. You'll see some wires and
13 structures. We'll be approaching a local park, Keen
14 Park, and the transmission line passes through that area.
15 Keen Park is on your left. Slow down right here. Okay,
16 keep going. Notice the transmission structure off to
17 your left behind some houses.

18 Take a left. At the stop sign we're at
19 the intersection of River Road and Lyons Plains Road,
20 take a left. It's clear to the right.

21 (Trooper talking on phone or radio)

22 MR. CUNLIFFE: We're taking a right up
23 here. We're approaching an intersection with White Birch
24 Road, take a right turn.

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1 We're approaching a crossroads with a
2 transmission line right overhead to Pine Bridge Road.
3 (Trooper talking on phone or radio)
4 A VOICE: Fred --
5 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah?
6 A VOICE: -- I need to pause the tape.
7 MR. CUNLIFFE: Weston/Easton Turnpike --
8 we'll turn left at Weston/Easton Turnpike.
9 MR. PHELPS: Fred, do you copy?
10 A VOICE: Go ahead, Derek --
11 A VOICE: Straight?
12 MR. CUNLIFFE: To the left -- to the left
13 --
14 MR. PHELPS: (Indiscernible) -- to me once
15 in a while -- (indiscernible) --
16 MR. CUNLIFFE: Stay left --
17 MR. PHELPS: -- what's going on here --
18 MR. CUNLIFFE: -- as you come out of White
19 Birch Lane stay on Weston/Easton Turnpike.
20 MR. PHELPS: Let Fred know that we're
21 really hoping to be done around 5:00 o'clock. So as we
22 go along if you could update me on how far along we are,
23 whether we're one-third, one-half of the way along and
24 stuff, I'd appreciate that.

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1 A VOICE: Okay, will do. Fred, should
2 have been able to hear you.

3 MR. CUNLIFFE: I heard it.

4 MR. PHELPS: Actually, we should still try
5 to do that break somewhere along the way, if we could
6 accommodate that.

7 MR. CUNLIFFE: Tell him in Norwalk we can
8 stop at a McDonald's.

9 A VOICE: He said there's a McDonald's we
10 can stop at in Norwalk.

11 (Pause)

12 A VOICE: It's hard to see these things --

13 A VOICE: Really --

14 MR. CUNLIFFE: The overhead transmission
15 lines.

16 A VOICE: This one here?

17 MR. CUNLIFFE: It looks this area.

18 MR. PHELPS: Fred, are we close to where
19 we're going to be beginning here?

20 A VOICE: You already began, Fred -- or
21 Derek.

22 MR. CUNLIFFE: Follow 136 --

23 MR. PHELPS: Has Fred been explaining that
24 to Pam because there's been a question from Pam.

1 A VOICE: Yeah, I think -- I think he's
2 been talking to Pam.

3 MR. PHELPS: Alright, Fred -- just have
4 Fred explain where the start point is and how close that
5 is relative to where we started from the commuter lot.

6 MR. CUNLIFFE: We're passing underneath
7 the transmission line right-of-way as we pass by right
8 now.

9 A VOICE: Hey, Fred --

10 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah?

11 A VOICE: -- I don't you -- I don't think
12 you hit the key.

13 MR. CUNLIFFE: I didn't. I'm hitting that
14 big one.

15 A VOICE: Okay. Maybe you ought to change
16 that so that it's on --

17 MR. CUNLIFFE: Maybe Pam is not on here?

18 A VOICE: So the speaker is on so you can
19 actually hear the beep, okay.

20 MR. CUNLIFFE: You're just going to follow
21 this to West Road.

22 A VOICE: You actually have to push it and
23 hold it until the thing beeps. Go ahead. There.

24 MR. CUNLIFFE: We just passed underneath

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1 the transmission line along the Easton/Weston Turnpike,
2 also Route 136. Do you copy, Pam?

3 CHAIRMAN KATZ: Crank it up a little bit.

4 MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay. Just past the
5 intersection of Judge's Hollow --

6 A VOICE: You -- you've got to wait for
7 that beep.

8 MR. CUNLIFFE: Just past Judge's Hollow
9 Road, the next road will be West Street, it's a right and
10 you're going to go -- bear right, it's a straight away.
11 Just past this Easton town line sign there's a road, go
12 straight.

13 A VOICE: Fred --

14 MR. CUNLIFFE: What?

15 A VOICE: -- you've got to wait for that
16 beep --

17 MR. CUNLIFFE: No, I'm not talking to
18 them, I'm talking to this.

19 A VOICE: Oh, okay.

20 MR. CUNLIFFE: Stay straight right here.

21 A VOICE: Here?

22 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yep. I don't know if you
23 were listening to me while I'm talking or -- you're going
24 to take a right up that road.

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1 A VOICE: Let's see, slow down --

2 A VOICE: I'm not sure if we can turn

3 around the next street --

4 MR. CUNLIFFE: We can go down to the next

5 road and make a right and that will bring us back where

6 we need to go. So that would be Old Redding Road. We

7 missed our turn at that last intersection, but we're

8 going to the next intersection and making a right, this

9 will bring us back on route.

10 A VOICE: We're about to make a right --

11 MR. CUNLIFFE: Onto Old Redding Road.

12 A VOICE: And I've explained to Fred how

13 to use the radio.

14 MR. CUNLIFFE: We're at a four-way

15 intersection, take a right onto Old Redding Road. We're

16 on Old Redding Road off of Easton/Weston Turnpike.

17 A VOICE: Gee, the poverty out here is

18 deplorable, isn't it.

19 A VOICE: That's alright, you get what you

20 work for.

21 A VOICE: Yep.

22 MR. CUNLIFFE: Go straight through this

23 stop sign. Go straight through the stop sign, Old

24 Redding Road -- this is where we would have came up --

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1 oh, no, that's Mill -- West Street is the next --

2 A VOICE: What are we doing, taking West
3 Avenue up to Route 1?

4 MR. CUNLIFFE: No, West -- we're going to
5 -- we're going to stay on Old Redding Road and it's going
6 to end up being -- it's going to turn to Redding Road. I
7 don't know why they change names, but -- you see this is
8 where we would have come up. Make a right. We're all
9 right.

10 A VOICE: You know, it's amazing how many
11 people didn't pay attention to their driver's manual;
12 14283, on approaching an emergency vehicle displaying
13 lights, you will immediately pull to the right side of
14 the road until said vehicle has passed.

15 A VOICE: Yeah, there you go.

16 A VOICE: Yeah.

17 A VOICE: I probably write people up for
18 that three or four times a week easily.

19 A VOICE: I'm sure.

20 A VOICE: And the enjoyable part is when
21 they mail it in not guilty and make a fool of themselves
22 in front of the judge.

23 A VOICE: (Laughter). Because you've got
24 the pictures.

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1 A VOICE: Yeah. Usually it's when you're
2 chasing somebody too or you're going somewhere and this
3 goes on automatically with the lights.
4 A VOICE: Oh, really.
5 MR. CUNLIFFE: The transmission line is
6 right now in your sight along Old Redding Road.
7 A VOICE: Fred, it didn't go through.
8 MR. CUNLIFFE: Take a left here. You're
9 at the --
10 A VOICE: You've got to push the button.
11 MR. CUNLIFFE: You know what happens --
12 A VOICE: What?
13 MR. CUNLIFFE: -- I'm not even --
14 A VOICE: You may not have -- oh, okay --
15 if you --
16 MR. CUNLIFFE: I must have lost the signal
17 --
18 A VOICE: Yeah --
19 MR. CUNLIFFE: -- is that what happens?
20 A VOICE: You lose the signal --
21 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah --
22 A VOICE: There you go.
23 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah.
24 A VOICE: Play it again, it will tune back

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1 in.

2 MR. CUNLIFFE: I appear to be losing
3 signal, so I'm constantly turning the phone back on.
4 We're on -- we turned left onto North Street off of Old
5 Redding Road and you had just passed under the lines on
6 that road.

7 You're going to stay on North Street all
8 the way out to route -- it's Black Rock Turnpike. I
9 don't know what route number that is -- 53?

10 A VOICE: Uh, 50 --

11 A VOICE: This is nice out here.

12 MR. CUNLIFFE: It's way too nice. These
13 roads are like driveways. No -- no one drives them.
14 You're going to go straight through.

15 We're at an intersection with Congress
16 Street, you're going to go straight through the stop.

17 A VOICE: I'm not a big Fairfield County
18 fan. I don't like the traffic. No, I live out in
19 Madison.

20 A VOICE: Uh-huh.

21 A VOICE: I just -- I can't -- if I'm not
22 in this car, I don't drive down here.

23 A VOICE: I can't say I blame you.

24 A VOICE: The only time I come down here

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1 is when I can do this. With the exception of Home Depot,
2 I found everything that either or my wife need going
3 east, Clinton Crossing, the Westbrook Outlet. I just
4 don't go over the Q bridge --

5 A VOICE: Yep --

6 A VOICE: I stay away from it. I don't go
7 over it unless I have the lights on the car.

8 A VOICE: Yeah.

9 A VOICE: There's some big birds in that
10 driveway.

11 A VOICE: You guys travel on the parkway a
12 lot?

13 MR. CUNLIFFE: I try to use it more than
14 95.

15 A VOICE: If you're going west, between
16 Exit 43 and 42 there's a yellow house with a large stone
17 wall not far from the parkway, just about anytime of the
18 day you'll see about a million turkeys in their yard.

19 A VOICE: Oh, really.

20 A VOICE: Yeah. I've considered pulling
21 over and blasting one on a Sunday. I'm like, you know,
22 I'm going to get lunch. Just go in the trunk, get the
23 shotgun, put the buckshot in --

24 A VOICE: I think we'll put pause on for

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1 now. (Pause). Go ahead.
2 MR. CUNLIFFE: I lost it again.
3 A VOICE: What, is she not on the list?
4 MR. CUNLIFFE: No, she's on my list.
5 A VOICE: Well you can bring up the last
6 number you called.
7 A VOICE: There you go.
8 MR. CUNLIFFE: At the intersection of Burr
9 and North Street, stay straight on North Street.
10 A VOICE: If you flip the cover down --
11 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah? It will preserve it?
12 A VOICE: It will -- I'll show you --
13 MR. CUNLIFFE: Oh, alright.
14 A VOICE: Just have this closed --
15 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah.
16 A VOICE: -- if you lose your last number
17 --
18 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah?
19 A VOICE: -- push that button right there
20 --
21 MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay.
22 A VOICE: -- and it should bring up your
23 last number.
24 MR. CUNLIFFE: The square -- (beep) --

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1 yeah --

2 MR. PHELPS: I'm still unclear, are we
3 talking about running transmission lines through this
4 neighborhood?

5 A VOICE: (Indiscernible) -- each one
6 doesn't have that feature.

7 A VOICE: Fred --

8 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah?

9 A VOICE: -- did you hear Derek's
10 question?

11 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah. Yeah, there's
12 transmission lines -- we're coming up on them now.

13 A VOICE: Hang on a second. Go ahead.

14 MR. CUNLIFFE: The transmission line
15 corridor is to our left, Derek. We can't see them here.

16 MR. PHELPS: Alright, thank you.

17 MR. CUNLIFFE: We've been driving along
18 North Street. Our right-of-way is to our left, parallel
19 to this road, it will eventually turn and cross -- stop
20 right here -- we have just reached the intersection where
21 the transmission lines cross. These structures are
22 lattice, 80 feet typical in height. They propose to
23 replace those with a single steel monopole. One side of
24 the steel monopole would support a new 345-kV. The other

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1 side would have a 115-kV. And the other 115-kV circuit
2 would be removed. Okay, now we can move along.

3 A VOICE: We can go?

4 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yep, we can go. And make a
5 right at the bottom of the hill here.

6 A VOICE: (Indiscernible) --

7 MR. CUNLIFFE: Oh, okay. We just got
8 these phones and he wanted to get them grouped. So we're
9 not grouped yet. Today he'll be going back to the office
10 saying get them people in here, I want them grouped.

11 A VOICE: Where are we going?

12 MR. CUNLIFFE: Take a right.

13 A VOICE: We're going down the parkway?

14 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yep. North Street reaches
15 Black Rock Turnpike, take a right at the stop sign.

16 A VOICE: Derek, we're headed down to the
17 Merritt Parkway.

18 MR. PHELPS: (Indiscernible) -- high
19 speed, to try to make up some time. (Laughter).

20 A VOICE: I don't think our driver has any
21 problem with that.

22 A VOICE: Ask one of those other two cars.

23 A VOICE: Yeah, you've got to watch out
24 for those vans -- vans flip.

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1 A VOICE: (Indiscernible) -- we're going
2 to try to pick up some speed.
3 A VOICE: Okay, just tell them if we get
4 too far ahead, to yell.
5 MR. CUNLIFFE: Did he say he was going to
6 talk to them?
7 A VOICE: Yeah.
8 MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay. Okay, take --
9 A VOICE: South --
10 MR. CUNLIFFE: -- south going to Norwalk.
11 A VOICE: Derek, we're going south towards
12 Norwalk.
13 MR. PHELPS: Thank you.
14 A VOICE: What's this guy's title?
15 MR. CUNLIFFE: Derek?
16 A VOICE: Yeah.
17 MR. CUNLIFFE: He's the Executive Director
18 for the Council.
19 A VOICE: He's a State employee?
20 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah, by appointment.
21 A VOICE: I'm going to pause this thing.
22 (Pause).
23 MR. CUNLIFFE: (Indiscernible) --
24 A VOICE: Hang on --

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1 MR. CUNLIFFE: -- and the right-of-way was
2 heading east to Trumbull Junction from Weston and Easton.
3 A VOICE: You done for a minute?
4 A VOICE: Yes.
5 MR. CUNLIFFE: Exit 40B, as in boy, Route
6 7 South.
7 MR. PHELPS: (Indiscernible) --
8 MR. CUNLIFFE: Did you copy, Pam, where
9 we're getting off? This is Fred, do you copy, Pam?
10 CHAIRMAN KATZ: I copy Exit 40B.
11 MR. CUNLIFFE: Roger.
12 A VOICE: That must have been a hell of an
13 accident when it actually happened.
14 A VOICE: Right. They had all four cars
15 off.
16 A VOICE: Yeah.
17 A VOICE: Then the other problem -- the
18 mistake people make a lot is their insurance companies
19 tell them no matter what you do, don't move your cars --
20 A VOICE: Yeah --
21 A VOICE: -- you know and it is tough to
22 express like the whole common sense thing -- you know,
23 like, okay, if all four of you hit each other from
24 behind, then it's clear, you know, what happened and who

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1 did what, it's not like you hit each other at an
2 intersection or whatever -- you know, get the hell the
3 off the highway, move your cars, or you're going to get
4 killed, don't sit in the left lane waiting for us to come
5 because you don't know how long it's going to take. And
6 they always stop and look.

7 A VOICE: Oh, of course.

8 A VOICE: What happened -- you know, I
9 didn't hit your car if you didn't see it -- the worst is
10 when you hear one happen and you're not looking and
11 you're busy looking down and writing up the one --

12 A VOICE: Yeah --

13 A VOICE: -- and you hear it behind you --

14 MR. PHELPS: Fred, do you copy?

15 A VOICE: Go ahead.

16 MR. PHELPS: What are we doing? We're
17 getting off 40B and then what?

18 A VOICE: We go south on --

19 MR. CUNLIFFE: 7 --

20 A VOICE: South on 7 --

21 MR. CUNLIFFE: -- to McDonald's.

22 A VOICE: -- to McDonald's.

23 MR. CUNLIFFE: It's probably like about --

24 MR. PHELPS: South on 7 --

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1 MR. CUNLIFFE: -- about a quarter mile.

2 A VOICE: It's about a quarter mile off
3 the highway.

4 MR. PHELPS: Alright.

5 A VOICE: We've still got to wait for the
6 van to catch up, right?

7 A VOICE: Yeah.

8 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah.

9 (Pause)

10 MR. PHELPS: 40B puts us on north Route 7,
11 is that right?

12 MR. CUNLIFFE: Now did that happen?

13 A VOICE: I'm sorry?

14 MR. CUNLIFFE: How did that happen? I
15 wanted to go south.

16 A VOICE: You want to go south?

17 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah.

18 MR. PHELPS: Talk to me.

19 A VOICE: I guess you could take 48 and
20 hit south, but you can also hit it from B.

21 (Pause)

22 MR. CUNLIFFE: Pam, when you come off
23 Route 15 on 40B, you want to stay to your left and turn
24 left at the light onto Route 7 south.

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1 CHAIRMAN KATZ: Route 7 south.
2 A VOICE: Which side is the McDonald's
3 on?
4 A VOICE: It's on the left.
5 MR. CUNLIFFE: It's on the left, yeah.
6 (Pause). Your first name?
7 A VOICE: Weren't you with us already?
8 A VOICE: Yeah.
9 A VOICE: Fred, driving -- in terms of
10 driving time, how much do we have left?
11 MR. CUNLIFFE: About 45 minutes. And your
12 partner?
13 A VOICE: That's Alison.
14 MR. CUNLIFFE: Double L?
15 A VOICE: Alison?
16 A VOICE: Yo?
17 A VOICE: One L or two for you?
18 A VOICE: One.
19 MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay.
20 A VOICE: Yeah, I've got to be different.
21 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah. The last name?
22 A VOICE: Peters.
23 MR. CUNLIFFE: Peters. You guys have easy
24 simple last names. Is that so they can keep the badges

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1 short?

2 A VOICE: That's so they can remember it.

3 MR. CUNLIFFE: I see. (Laughter).

4 A VOICE: They make you change your name.

5 MR. CUNLIFFE: Or the drop the end of it

6 off.

7 A VOICE: Yeah.

8 MR. CUNLIFFE: We dub thee --

9 A VOICE: Imagine if you had to write down

10 Laslo's name.

11 A VOICE: I can't -- I still can't

12 remember how to spell it.

13 A VOICE: You know how long it took the

14 instructors to get that right.

15 A VOICE: Do you know when we send him for

16 dinner and they ask whose --

17 (Pause)

18 A VOICE: Should I go back out and start -

19 -

20 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yes, that's what we want to

21 do -- well, wait a minute, Derek is not in his car yet --

22 or is he -- okay, yeah, he is --

23 A VOICE: Yeah --

24 MR. CUNLIFFE: Alright.

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1 A VOICE: Everybody back in the van?

2 MR. CUNLIFFE: My understanding is that
3 everybody is in.

4 A VOICE: Derek, we're about to head north
5 on 7.

6 MR. CUNLIFFE: We're leaving McDonald's.
7 Turn right onto Route 7, go north.

8 (Laughter)

9 A VOICE: You're just the guy he doesn't
10 want to meet.

11 A VOICE: Yeah, you didn't think you were
12 going to see me, huh -- (laughter) -- well, there you go
13 -- (indiscernible) --

14 MR. CUNLIFFE: Wait until everybody is
15 ready here. We can go up 7 a little ways past Grist
16 Mill, so -- I don't know if you know where Grist Mill is
17 --

18 A VOICE: Grist Mill?

19 MR. CUNLIFFE: That's the -- that's where
20 you jump onto Super 7.

21 A VOICE: That's right.

22 MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay.

23 A VOICE: Are we going to be -- do you
24 want me to go to speed -- do you want the lights on for

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1 this?

2 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah, you can put the
3 lights on here. And you can probably do, you know, like
4 -- keep everybody tight so that way you don't lose
5 anybody.

6 A VOICE: Fred, do you want to roll up
7 your window --

8 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yep.

9 A VOICE: -- you're killing me.

10 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yep.

11 A VOICE: I mean I was getting it two
12 ways, I was getting a breeze and I was getting an
13 earful.

14 (Pause)

15 MR. CUNLIFFE: She gets a star.

16 A VOICE: How far up here we going, Fred?

17 MR. CUNLIFFE: Probably a little bit
18 further. We go past the entrance to Super 7 and then
19 we're going to go and -- Duck and Kent Road.

20 A VOICE: Okay.

21 MR. CUNLIFFE: So once we get past that
22 Super 7, we'll be probably another quarter, half-mile --

23 A VOICE: Okay. We're going to be taking
24 a left or a right?

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1 MR. CUNLIFFE: We will be taking a left.
2 So after you go past that, you might want to move over.

3 To your left is the transmission line
4 right-of-way where it crosses Grist Mill and the Super 7
5 entrance. This is where a 115 circuit would be placed
6 underground and another one would be attached to a
7 structure, and there would be a 345-kV on the other
8 side.

9 A VOICE: We're taking a left further up
10 the road you say?

11 MR. CUNLIFFE: Further up the road. We'll
12 be going straight through this intersection even though
13 you may be in the left turn lane.

14 (Phone ringing)

15 A VOICE: Somebody is calling you.

16 (Trooper talking on phone)

17 (Pause)

18 MR. CUNLIFFE: Left -- not yet --

19 (Trooper talking on phone)

20 (Radio chatter)

21 MR. CUNLIFFE: Take a left at the sign --
22 it looks like an arrow --

23 A VOICE: I'm sorry?

24 MR. CUNLIFFE: Right up here -- you're

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1 going to take a left onto Arrow Wood Road. You'll see a
2 sign in the shape of an arrow, it's white.

3 (Trooper talking on phone)

4 MR. CUNLIFFE: We turned left off of Route
5 7 north onto Arrow Wood Road. The transmission line
6 passes over the backside of the residences. This line
7 would be replaced -- one of them would be replaced on the
8 217. The 115-kV would be placed underground. The
9 proposal would require a steel monopole, approximately
10 108 feet with 345-kV and a triangle configuration, and
11 would be placed on the other side of the tracks.

12 MR. PHELPS: (Indiscernible) -- unclear --
13 (tape stopped)

14 A VOICE: Okay.

15 A VOICE: Did you say we're going to take
16 a left coming back out of here?

17 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah. Leaving Arrow Wood
18 Road, take a left north onto 7. Turn left out of Arrow
19 Wood Road onto Route 7 north.

20 And you're going to turn left again into
21 this storage place parking lot.

22 A VOICE: Right into this?

23 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yep. After taking a left
24 out of Arrow Wood onto Route 7 north, you'll go by a

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1 large gray/blue building that's storage, take a left into
2 its parking lot to the rear -- well that's as far as we
3 can go -- we'll have to turn around here.

4 A VOICE: Do you want to go in back? I'll
5 ask if they can open --

6 MR. CUNLIFFE: No, that's alright. Okay,
7 right here. I just want to show them the structure.

8 Straight ahead you can see Norwalk
9 Junction. And the structure here in the parking lot of
10 the storage location, the alternatives require a proposal
11 to remove the lattice and replace it with a steel
12 monopole about 105 feet in height. It would support one
13 115-kV circuit and support a 345-kV circuit.

14 A VOICE: Which way are we going out?

15 MR. CUNLIFFE: Take a left.

16 A VOICE: We're taking a left out.

17 A VOICE: You just made her whole day.

18 A VOICE: Oh, no, left turns are --

19 MR. CUNLIFFE: Leaving the storage area
20 parking lot, take a left out onto Route 7 north. Yeah, I
21 did this all by myself. Try pulling out of here when the
22 lights aren't synchronized.

23 For the Council's information, the right-
24 of-way that we've been reviewing back in Weston, Easton,

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1 parts here in Norwalk, those in Wilton that we will pass
2 through, are 80 feet in width typically, they will
3 require a right-of-way of 125 feet, an expansion of about
4 45 feet.

5 A VOICE: Where we going, Fred?

6 MR. CUNLIFFE: Take a right onto 33.
7 Route 7 -- Route 7 and Route 33 intersection take a
8 right, follow Route 33 south.

9 MR. PHELPS: (Indiscernible) --

10 A VOICE: Yeah, go ahead, Derek?

11 MR. PHELPS: Everything is okay with the
12 hearing -- (indiscernible) --

13 A VOICE: Yeah, it's fine. The Council is
14 going to be a little further away from the audience than
15 they'd like to be, but I can't do anything about that.
16 They're in the middle of building the set for a play and
17 they've got a -- they've got an orchestra pit --

18 MR. PHELPS: Are you going to be able to
19 use the house system?

20 A VOICE: I think I'm going to bring my
21 own in. I -- you know, I -- I could probably tie into
22 the house system, but I think it would be more problems
23 than it would be worth.

24 A VOICE: This is the right-of-way again?

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1 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah, I lost her again.
2 Take a left onto Heather Lane. It should be left right
3 along here.

4 A VOICE: This here?

5 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yep, that's it. She must
6 be using her phone somewhere else.

7 A VOICE: No, they just don't have any
8 service.

9 MR. CUNLIFFE: Is that what it is?

10 A VOICE: Yep.

11 MR. CUNLIFFE: Oh, okay. I see the
12 antenna, but I don't see any bars, okay.

13 A VOICE: Yeah. I think we need to have -
14 -

15 MR. CUNLIFFE: Motorola radio worked
16 great, didn't it.

17 A VOICE: Yeah.

18 MR. CUNLIFFE: Follow to the left.

19 A VOICE: I think we need to site a cell
20 phone tower down here.

21 MR. CUNLIFFE: Well they'll be up for it -
22 - Nextel would want one, I guess, huh.

23 A VOICE: I guess.

24 MR. CUNLIFFE: There's the transmission

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1 lines again.

2 A VOICE: Look up.

3 MR. CUNLIFFE: Look up, there it is. And
4 take a right at the stop sign. We took a left off of
5 Connecticut Route 33 onto Heather Lane. You follow
6 Heather Lane to a stop sign, make a right, this is Spoon
7 Wood Road. The transmission line right-of-way would be
8 on your right visible, lattice structures. The one
9 straight ahead has a telecomm facility at the top if you
10 notice the antennas.

11 A VOICE: Yeah, the cell phone works --

12 MR. CUNLIFFE: But those aren't ours.
13 Take a right. Spoon Wood reaches Chestnut Hill Road,
14 make a right, then a left -- then a left onto High Ridge.
15 Did we pass under the lines yet --

16 A VOICE: Yeah.

17 MR. CUNLIFFE: We did? Okay, then the
18 left is right here.

19 A VOICE: I think we passed under them --

20 MR. CUNLIFFE: You pass underneath the
21 transmission lines and you would come across High Ridge
22 Road, take a left. Now I've got a signal.

23 A VOICE: You might want to tell them
24 whatever you want to tell them back there.

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1 MR. CUNLIFFE: We just passed through part
2 of some residential areas the transmission line right-of-
3 way goes through. We have turned off of Chestnut Hill
4 Road onto High Ridge Road. We come to a stop sign at
5 West Meadow Road, take a left.

6 We're approaching an intersection with
7 River Gate Road, take a left onto River Gate Drive off of
8 West Meadow. Right here the transmission line right-of-
9 way crosses River Gate Drive. You can see the right-of-
10 way to your west and to your east.

11 MR. PHELPS: What town are we in right
12 now?

13 MR. CUNLIFFE: What town are we in?

14 A VOICE: Yeah.

15 MR. CUNLIFFE: We're in Wilton.

16 A VOICE: This is Wilton.

17 MR. PHELPS: It feels like Wilton --

18 MR. CUNLIFFE: It feels like Wilton he
19 said?

20 A VOICE: Yeah.

21 MR. CUNLIFFE: Okay.

22 A VOICE: Yeah, I'm sure NU is going to
23 want to buy the -- buy the property around here to run
24 this line through, right?

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1 A VOICE: What are they going to do, bury
2 it?

3 MR. CUNLIFFE: This is an alternative
4 overhead ground proposal. They want to bury it between
5 Norwalk and Milford, is their proposal.

6 A VOICE: Between Norwalk and Milford?

7 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yes. Along Route 1 --

8 A VOICE: Where do they think they're
9 going to bury it?

10 A VOICE: Route 1 --

11 A VOICE: Right down Route 1.

12 MR. CUNLIFFE: Right down Route 1,
13 construction at night.

14 A VOICE: Hey, Fred, you're killing me
15 with this air-conditioning.

16 MR. CUNLIFFE: Sorry. I thought with that
17 big parka you've got on would keep you nice and toasty.
18 Put the hood on and you'd be doing alright back there.

19 A VOICE: Actually, my ears are doing just
20 fine. Everything but my hands are doing just find.
21 Unfortunately, I need my hands to be able to work.

22 A VOICE: Whose power line is this?

23 A VOICE: NY -- or NU or CL&P --

24 MR. CUNLIFFE: This section is CL&P's.

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1 A VOICE: And they want to bury it?

2 MR. CUNLIFFE: Well these won't go away if
3 they bury it. If they bury their proposal, these lines
4 stay as is.

5 A VOICE: I mean they want to bury the
6 power lines or they want to bury the idea?

7 MR. CUNLIFFE: Bury -- both.

8 A VOICE: Really.

9 MR. CUNLIFFE: This is -- a bone of
10 contention is these distribution lines could -- stay to
11 the left, Brian -- that you could bury those -- the
12 technology to bury these lines is there, there's no
13 questions asked, you can just bury these right in the
14 road and there wouldn't be a problem. In fact, a lot of
15 towns have them in their subdivision ordinances, that if
16 you want to build a new subdivision, that the utilities
17 must be underground.

18 Okay, and this is winding road, you'll
19 eventually come out to a T-intersection -- well sort of a
20 T-intersection.

21 A VOICE: Do they have snowplows in this
22 town?

23 MR. CUNLIFFE: What?

24 A VOICE: Do they have snowplows in this

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1 town.

2 MR. CUNLIFFE: None of these people
3 probably take care of their driveways. They either hire
4 somebody or just let it melt. I was here Monday right
5 after the snowstorm on Sunday and there was -- it looked
6 really nice. Hardly any roads were plowed. This wasn't
7 even -- there was just sand on it.

8 At the end of River Gate, the intersection
9 with Stone Bridge Road, turn right. Turn right as you
10 leave River Gate Road onto Stone Bridge Road.

11 At the end of -- Stone Bridge Road
12 intersects with -- take a right -- Newtown Turnpike
13 intersects with Stone Bridge Road and River Gate Drive.
14 You're going to take a left and it's going to be a real
15 dinky road, High Wood Road.

16 A VOICE: What's the name of the road?

17 MR. CUNLIFFE: High Wood. It will be --
18 we have to go under the transmission lines first and then
19 make a left, so I've got to keep my eyes peeled here.

20 We're almost at the end here. We're
21 crossing a few town boundaries, Westport and into Wilton
22 -- into Weston.

23 A VOICE: The transmission line.

24 MR. CUNLIFFE: We're passing under the

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1 transmission line on Easton -- excuse me, Newton Ave.
2 Turnpike. Take a left right up here.

3 As you pass under the transmission lines
4 there will be a road -- right here -- there will be a
5 stonewall and a road with a white sign, High Wood Road,
6 turn and follow this. This will be very narrow. This
7 road is narrow and stay to your left.

8 Stay to your right. Someone just shoveled
9 a path from the road to the house. Okay, you're going to
10 take a left onto Cavalry. The transmission line should
11 be right here. At the end of High Wood Road, you come to
12 Cavalry Road, turn left. You'll backtrack to the
13 transmission line right-of-way. We'll be approaching the
14 crossroads with the transmission line right-of-way with
15 Cavalry Road. You look west and east and there's an
16 existing distribution line within the right-of-way.

17 Turn right. At the end of Cavalry Road,
18 turn right, it's High Acre Road. Follow High Acre Road
19 out to Route 57 in Weston. This would be the end of the
20 tour for the overhead Alternate A and B routes for Docket
21 272.

22 I want to go left back to Town Hall. You
23 know where you are now, right?

24 A VOICE: What's it -- coming up on the

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1 right?

2 MR. CUNLIFFE: Yeah, it will be up on our
3 right when we get there. Let's see -- very good --

4 A VOICE: Another one who read his
5 driver's manual.

6 A VOICE: He's driving the company truck.

7 A VOICE: Okay, we're going -- we're back
8 on, what, 57 now?

9 MR. CUNLIFFE: Back on 57.

10 A VOICE: Okay. And we're headed back
11 towards Town Hall?

12 MR. CUNLIFFE: Back to Town Hall.

13 A VOICE: Okay. I'm going to turn the
14 recording off. This will end the recording.

15

16 (Tape stopped)

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