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Docket No. 485
Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction, Maintenance, and Operation of a Telecommunications Facility at One of Two sites: 1542 Boston Post Road or at the End of Kirtland Street, Westbrook, Connecticut

Regular Hearing held at the Theresa Mulvey Municipal Center, 866 Boston Post Road, Westbrook, Connecticut, Thursday, May 30, 2019, beginning at 3 p.m.

Held before: ROBERT SILVESTRI, THE HEARING OFFICER

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THE HEARING OFFICER: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. This hearing is called to order this Thursday May 30, 2019, at 3 p.m. My name is Robert Silvestri, member and presiding officer of the Connecticut Siting Council.

Other members of the Council are Robert Hannon, designee for Commissioner Katie Dykes of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; Larry Levesque, designee for Chairman Marissa Paslick Gillett of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority; Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.; Michael Harder; and Edward Edelson.

Members of the staff are Melanie Bachman, Executive Director and Staff Attorney; and Robert Mercier, siting analyst.

This hearing is held pursuant to the provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut General Statutes and of the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act upon an application from MCM Holdings, LLC, and Cellco partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need for the construction, maintenance and operations of a telecommunications facility at either 1542 Boston Post Road or at the end of Kirtland Street,

Westbrook, Connecticut. This application was received by the Council on April 1, 2019.

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

The parties to the proceeding are as follows. Applicants, MCM Holdings, LLC, and Cellco partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless. Their representative Christopher E. Fisher, Esquire, of Cuddy \& Feder, LLP.

We will proceed in accordance with the prepared agenda, copies of which are available next to the post. Also available, there are copies of the Council's citizen's guide to Siting Council procedures.

At the end of this afternoon's evidentiary session we will recess and resume again at 6:30 p.m. for the public comment session. The 6:30 p.m. public comment session will be reserved for the public to make brief oral statements into the record.

I wish to note that the applicants including their representatives and witnesses are not allowed to participate in the public comment
session. I also wish to note for those who are here and for the benefit of your friends and neighbors who are unable to join us for the public comment session, that you or they may send written comments to the Council within 30 days of the date hereof, and such written statements will be given the same weight as if spoken at the hearing.

A verbatim transcript will be made of this hearing and deposited with the town clerk's office in Westbrook for the convenience of the public.

Is there any public official here at this time that wishes to now make a public statement?
(No response.)

THE HEARING OFFICER: Seeing and hearing none, we will proceed.

I wish to call your attention to those items shown on the hearing program marked as Roman numeral 1D, items 1 through 71. Do the applicants have an objection to the items that the Council has administratively noticed?

MR. FISHER: No objection.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. Accordingly, the Council hereby administratively notices these existing documents, statements and comments.

Will the applicant present their witnesses for purposes of taking the oath?

MR. FISHER: Yes, good afternoon, members of the Council and staff. Let me get a little closer here. I'm Attorney Christopher Fisher with the firm of Cuddy \& Feder here on behalf of the applicants, MCM Holdings, LLC, and Cellco Partnership doing business as Verizon Wireless.

We have five witnesses this afternoon. They're listed in the hearing program. Robert Stanford to my left, Jamie Laredo also to my left, Mr. Michael Libertine, Dean Gustafson and Robert Burns.

And I would ask they would be sworn.
THE HEARING OFFICER: If the witnesses could rise, the Council Staff Attorney will administer the oath?

ROBERTBEURNS,
MICHAELILIBERTINE,
DEANGUSTAFSON,
J A MES LAREDO,
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called as witnesses, being first duly sworn by the Executive Director, were examined and testified on their oaths as follows:

THE HEARING OFFICER: Attorney Fisher, could you please begin by numbering exhibits of the filings you have made in this matter and making requests to administratively notice these existing documents, and verifying all exhibits by the appropriate sworn witnesses?

MR. FISHER: Thank you. Yes, we have no items for administrative notice. Under Roman numeral 2B we have six items that we have provided to the Council and intend to introduce as evidence. They're listed as item B1, which is the application with several exhibits, which was received by the Council on April 1, 2019, along with bulk filed exhibits.

Item number two are the applicant's
responses to Council interrogatories dated May 13, 2019. Item three, the applicant's sign posting affidavit dated May 15, 2019.

Additionally under item four we included resumes which were received by the Council on May 22, 2019, from each of the witnesses just sworn. Additionally under item 5 the applicant's notification pursuant to 16-50L, subsection $E$ of the Connecticut General Statutes which is dated May 22, 2019.

And then finally an applicant's supplemental submission which included correspondence from T-Mobile and AT\&T in support of the application, which was dated May $22,2019$.

Subject to the Council accepting those for verification I'll ask the witnesses to swear to the their accuracy at this time.

For each of the witnesses if you would please identify, did you prepare and assist in the preparation of the exhibits item B1 through 6 that I just identified for the Council?

THE WITNESS (Laredo): Yes, I do.
THE WITNESS (Stanford): Robert
Stanford, MCM Holdings. Yes, I did.
THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Dean

Gustafson, yes.
THE WITNESS (Libertine): Mike Libertine, yes.

THE WITNESS (Burns): Robert Burns, yes.
MR. FISHER: And in reviewing and preparing for your testimony here today were there any corrections or modifications to the items so listed in the hearing program?

THE WITNESS (Burns): Yes, I have one. Under tab 4 of the application, item 2B, the lease area, slash, compound area should be 6,405 square feet as opposed to 6355. No other changes.

THE WITNESS (Libertine): I have no changes at this time.

THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Dean Gustafson, no corrections.

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Robert Stanford, no changes.

THE WITNESS (Laredo): Jamie Laredo, no changes.

MR. FISHER: And with those corrections and modifications are they true and accurate to the best of your belief?

THE WITNESS (Burns): Yes.
THE WITNESS (Libertine): Mike

Libertine, yes.
THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Dean Gustafson, yes.

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Robert Stanford, yes.

THE WITNESS (Laredo): Jamie Laredo, yes.

MR. FISHER: And do you adopt them as your direct testimony here this afternoon?

THE WITNESS (Burns): Robert Burns, yes.
THE WITNESS (Libertine): Mike
Libertine, yes.
THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Dean
Gustafson, yes.
THE WITNESS (Stanford): Robert
Stanford, yes.
THE WITNESS (Laredo): Jamie Laredo, yes.

MR. FISHER: I would ask that the documents be entered into evidence at this time.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Accordingly the exhibits are admitted. Thank you.

We will now begin with cross-examination of the applicants by Mr. Mercier.

MR. MERCIER: Thank you. I'll just
begin with the field review today, some of the items that were discussed out in the field, just to get them in the record or some observations I made or others made about the two sites.

Regarding site A which is the 1542 Boston Post Road site -- that's where we began today. I understand the new tower that's proposed will be put more in the interior of the existing compound and then the temporary tower removed. But there's an extension of the fence that kind of goes towards Boston Post Road that surrounds the temporary tower.

I was wondering if that fence line is going to be removed? Or is that going to stay in place and kind of, you know, a uniform length across that side which is the south side?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Robert Stanford, MCM -- oh, I'm sorry. Robert Stanford, MCM. I'll take that one. Bob Burns may want to add to my answer.

The jut in the fence is surrounding the existing AT\&T equipment, and as is designed right now it would remain wrapping around that fence. And the tower centerline will be the center of that compound right where the balloon is.

MR. MERCIER: Okay. Thank you. Looking at the plans there was a lot of different lines and features on the plan including the old water tank.

Is the existing fence as it is now in the field staying the same? Or is there going to be a future extension to accommodate the new facility?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): The plan is for it to remain the same. There's actually more than enough space as is, and the carrier agreement is to remain exactly where it is on candidate $A$.

MR. MERCIER: If that site was approved and the new tower brought in and the existing tower removed, there were a few trees out front, maybe four or five. Are those, any of those scheduled for removal --

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Nothing that would be --

MR. MERCIER: -- along the roadway?
THE WITNESS (Stanford): I'm sorry. No, there will be no further tree removal at candidate A.

MR. MERCIER: Is there a type of landscaping proposed along the side of the fence
that's facing the road, Boston Post Road?
THE WITNESS (Stanford): I'm sure that will be addressed at $D$ and $M$, but at this stage of the plan -- Bob are the plantings designed?

THE WITNESS (Burns): No. No, there's no proposed landscaping at this point proposed on that site.

MR. MERCIER: I noticed on page 2 it said, may be -- may be screening. On the application $I$ wasn't really sure what that meant. So there will be no objection to put some in if it was deemed beneficial to screen it from the road?

THE WITNESS (Burns): Correct, no objection.

MR. MERCIER: Okay. If that site A was approved and the tower is constructed and it's rendered ready for use by the telecommunications carriers that are on the temporary tower, what is the exact timeline to get functioning carrier equipment on the monopole and remove the temporary tower?

I guess my question is, is the existing equipment off the temporary tower going to be removed and relocated to the new tower, or is all new equipment going to be placed?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): That is the plan. I don't know individually if the carriers do plan on purchasing brand-new equipment for that tower.

In any case, that would be coordinated so that there would be no downtime in coverage, or very limited. If they were to use the equipment that's on the temporary tower now then the outage would be for an amount of hours, not days.

MR. MERCIER: And I guess for the Town's equipment, I think the Town of Old Saybrook is at the top?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Correct.
MR. MERCIER: Is that an easy relocation to remove the existing equipment there and transfer it immediately to the new tower so there's no interruption in their emergency?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): No interruption to emergency services, and MCM Holdings is -- is paying for that relocation. We move them from the water tank onto the temporary tower, and we will move them from the temporary to whichever is --

MR. MERCIER: Is that like a few hours? A whole day? I'm just going to try to get a sense of it.

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Hours.
MR. MERCIER: Thank you. Just out of curiosity, do you know if the Town's equipment has their own emergency power source, a battery or if anything of that nature?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): The Town does not have their own emergency backup power.

MR. MERCIER: And I assume -- I'm not sure if you know. We talked about in the field that Cellco has an existing generator in the facility. Do you know if the other carriers that have the existing cabinets and shelters there, do they have emergency power also, their individual units?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Neither of the other two carriers, AT\&T nor T-Mobile currently have existing backup power on site.

THE HEARING OFFICER: If I could interject for a second? When you say, backup power, are you referring to generator power, battery power, or both?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): They have battery backup. I'm sorry. For clarification they do have battery backup. It would not last through a storm. It gets them through a blip, but
they do not have on-site generators.
MR. LYNCH: Mr. Chairman?
THE HEARING OFFICER: Yes, Mr. Lynch?
MR. LYNCH: If a generator is used -I'm a little confused, because you have in the application a diesel generator referred to, and then in the interrogatories you said if you have a proposed generator it would be propane.

Which fuel are you using -- will be used?

THE WITNESS (Burns): I think the -this is Robert Burns. The current generator within the Verizon shelter is a diesel generator. With the compounds being the size they are, a propane generator could be used in theirs for a tank.

I do not know if there's a restriction in terms of using diesel, and I don't know if there's a plan in place for, you know, what the fuel source is, but it certainly could be either one.

MR. LYNCH: If propane is used would that tank have to be stored outside of the, in Verizon's case, their shelter?

THE WITNESS (Burns): If Verizon were to
switch to propane and put a new generator in there, yes, their tank would have to be outside their shelter.

MR. LYNCH: Thank you.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Mr.
Lynch.
Mr. Mercier, please continue.
MR. MERCIER: Thank you. Now for the field review we hopped over to Kirtland Street and we talked about the property lines.

Could you just clarify some of the things you said that -- as to how the Kirtland Street site is composed? Is it two parcels? Is it a private road? Is it a public road? We talked about those things. Just please elaborate?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Yes, for clarification in the field Mr. Harder brought to our attention that it was unclear in the application as to candidates that are referred to as numbers two and six in our alternates, where that -- where the proposed alternate was to lie.

And the original location for that alternate site was entirely on parcel 6, which is map 182, lot 3, in the Town's records. Lot number two is Kirtland Street. It's the -- it's
the lot that comprises Kirtland Street and comes all the way out to US-1.

The original plan was for the candidate B to be entirely on six, with utilities and telco coming in through lot two.

MR. MERCIER: Just to interject, you're on tab two of the application. Is that correct?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): I'm sorry. Yes, tab two. The way that it's currently designed we were asked to slide our compound further over to the west so that now the entire compound does not fit entirely on lot -- on parcel two, or the second candidate. So it straddles the line between what's marked as candidates two and six in tab two.

MR. MERCIER: And what was the reason why they wanted you to move in closer to the west property line?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): The property is owned by the Dattilo Family Trust who owns, it looks like eleven of the properties that we examined. Most of the candidates that we looked at we could not compromise their current use or their future plan of development on any of those sites.

And they do have current plans for a condo development on parcel six and they had -they had contemplated combining some lot lines. Those are not complete yet through the Town of Westbrook, but they asked that we slide -- we accommodate them by moving our compound as far to that western, northwestern corner as possible. And that's why it's where it is today, as redesigned.

MR. MERCIER: Okay. Thank you.
I notice on the site plan and while we were out in the field today that the west property line -- I think it's a residential use, the compound fence is about five feet from the actual property line.

Are you clearing up to the property line moving all those trees along that property line?

THE WITNESS (Burns): More than likely
yes. I mean, the stone wall that's there will stay, but in order to get in and around there -there's not many trees within that five foot. Most of the trees are inside the compound, but it would have to be cleared in order to put in the installation.

It's five feet from the west property
line and it's also five feet from the north property line.

MR. MERCIER: And the same with the north, you would have to -- pretty much up to the --

THE WITNESS (Burns): Yeah, the north property line kind of angles out. So part of that will -- but it will get to the point where, you know, the existing vegetation could stay as it gets further away from the compound.

MR. MERCIER: And part of that vegetation, not only was it the larger trees you marked -- I think you said ten in the application, but there's lower understory shrubs and things of that nature?

THE WITNESS (Burns): Yes, that's correct.

MR. MERCIER: That kind of shield views into the property from adjacent sites?

THE WITNESS (Burns): Correct.
MR. MERCIER: Thank you.
Now assuming one of the two sites was approved, would the tower and a foundation be constructed to support any type of extension either 10, 20, 30 feet?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): I'll take that. Yes, it -- that would be the plan, is to make it expandable from the outset. If built to what approved then leave it expandable for future.

MR. MERCIER: Okay. But what interval, height interval? 20 feet extension or 30 , or I'm just curious what you designated?

THE WITNESS (Burns): At this point I don't think that's been designated. I mean, typically they design them for an additional 20 feet, but it is only 130-foot pole. So -- but usually about 20 feet.

MR. MERCIER: Thank you. Now that we're still talking about the field review, and I guess Mr. Libertine or others, can you talk about the balloon fly that occurred today please?

THE WITNESS (Libertine): Certainly.
Counsel had requested the sites to be flown from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., which we will maintain the balloons at their respective locations until 6. They were actually up at about seven o'clock this morning, and we had a very good day in terms of wins. It is overcast but visibility is still pretty well -- pretty good in terms of being able to see it certainly in the area. And we've really
had no disruptions at all.
Those are the original balloons that have been up since seven o'clock this morning, and those are at the 130 -foot -- they're tethered to 130 feet. It's about a four-point balloon on top. So the top height of the balloon is about 130 feet -- 34 feet above ground level at each of those locations.

MR. MERCIER: Was the same color used or was there --

THE WITNESS (Libertine): Oh, I'm sorry.
Yeah. We didn't distinguish between the two sites. Site $A$ is marked with a yellow balloon, and a yellow balloon marks the site B.

MR. MERCIER: Thank you.
THE WITNESS (Libertine): You're welcome.

MR. MERCIER: Let's see here. As you were consulting with the Town and the property owners of the two sites for both, both options, was there any suggestion by the Town or the property owners themselves of maybe doing any type of stealth application here? Or painting the tower if it was a monopole?

THE WITNESS (Libertine): To the best of
my knowledge there's not been anything raised at the town level or neighbors coming out asking for any type of camouflaging. My -- just my own opinion is that this is a site that is in essentially -- well, certainly site A is primarily along a commercial stretch. It's had infrastructure on the site for decades. We have the temporary tower there which is about 33 feet taller than what we're proposing.

So at either location I don't believe doing any type of camouflages is going to be a great benefit. The overall visibilities between the sites are -- they're somewhat consistent or comparable in the sense that the near views are just that.

Really you have to be on top of the site to see it, but as you move away at distance, as is evidenced in some of the photo simulations that we've provided -- and I'm talking about a mile and a half out or more.

That's when you start to see a protrusion above the treeline of the towers, but it's at such a distance, it's such a small item on the landscape at those distances that $I$ don't think it really is what I'd call a focal point.

So again, I don't see a need for having to do any type of camouflaging.

MR. MERCIER: Now regarding the near views you just talk about, I mean, looking at, you know, the application tab two, you know, the blowup of some of the parcels you looked at, the surrounding residences.

Would the near views -- for both sides really, what would people see? This, the tops? Are they going to see the body through the tree? Are they going to see the whole structure?

THE WITNESS (Libertine): Well, at both locations -- well, I'll start with site $A$ because there, there are some unique characteristics that differentiate the two. Our site along Boston Post Road, site $A$ is right on top of the road essentially. And again, it's mostly commercial in nature.

There are residences to the north, but for the most part the views are somewhat limited to the transportation corridor. So you may have noticed if you came in from the east and were traveling west the temporary tower was visible for a good stretch of road, probably as you got within three quarters of a mile of the site. The balloon
was not.
And so the distinction here is that because of that lower height you really don't have a lot of views as you're moving westbound on route -- Route 1. And so the near views are going to be somewhat muted at this time of year, because we do have a fairly robust vegetation around it. But when leaves are off the trees that obviously expands a bit.

But I would say in general the near views of site $A$ would be substantially the most of the monopole. Where we're on site B because it's buried a little bit, although that's going to be opened up if we were to build there because those trees have to go. That is more -- I would say more residential in nature, because it is surrounded by single-family homes.

And so I think there, there would be an opportunity this time of year. You would be probably looking at more or less just the top of the tower, but when the leaves came off the trees that site opens up quite a bit. And so those neighbors would be looking directly into the compound and the entire facility itself.

Did that fully answer the question for
you?
MR. MERCIER: It does. Thank you. THE WITNESS (Libertine): You're welcome.

MR. MERCIER: Application page 23, 24 mentioned a public information hearing that was attended by some residents, nearby residents. I was wondering what were their concerns expressed, if any, if anybody was at that meeting and if you can tell me a little bit about what was discussed?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Yeah, the public information hearing that was held here in this room had one or two residents from Kirtland Street who expressed some concern over candidate $B$, and in support of the replacement site going on the Connecticut Water facility.

And that was really pretty much the only commentary we got that night.

MR. MERCIER: Do you remember the turnout of how many folks attended?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Yeah, somewhere in the neighborhood of 30 to 40 , maybe 35 people.

MR. MERCIER: And if site B was selected if this application was approved would construction traffic, or construction at all
affect resident access to the houses along Kirtland that need that?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): It would. It would actually during the construction phase. We would have to notify the residents along Kirtland Street of that schedule as it went.

So for instance, for weather delays and for coordination of materials we would have to -as we saw in the field, one of the residents parked several cars right in what would become the access way. So we would have to coordinate with them to have those either temporarily relocated or permanently -- permanently relocated if they were -- or at least designated where they couldn't park cars as they do today.

MR. MERCIER: Okay. Thank you. I have no other questions at this time.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you
Mr. Mercier. We'll continue with Mr. Levesque.
MR. LEVESQUE: You said the fencing with the barbed wire on the top for the temporary tower -- do you keep all of it? Are you going to take some of the fencing down for the cranes and trucks to take away the temporary? Could you move the fence line back to where that's full of
equipment?
THE WITNESS (Stanford): Yes. Yes. Again Rob Stanford. The current fence line was surrounding the former compound for the water tank. So that's -- that's why the perimeters of that fence line right now was -- it was to prevent access to the water tank and anyone from climbing that.

So yes, we could accommodate that request if it were to reduce the size of the fenced in area. It would not change the leased area. It would just change the fenced in area of the compound. And yes, we could do that.

MR. LEVESQUE: Less to maintain and less visibility. See what you can do. And then on the application attachment three -- why don't you just clarify for the record that that last map in that attachment three doesn't have a label and doesn't say what the colors are for?

I think I know what they're for, but why don't you state what they are?

THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Yeah, and that was addressed in the applicant's response to the interrogatories. We resubmitted the full map that includes the legend to show the different types of
farmland soils.
MR. LEVESQUE: And identified the blue and the green, what they are?

THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Yeah. So the -- the blue represents prime farmland soils and the green is statewide important farmland soils.

MR. LEVESQUE: Okay. Thank you very much.

THE WITNESS (Gustafson): You're welcome.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Mr. Levesque. We'll go to Mr. Edelson.

MR. EDELSON: Regarding the temporary tower, are you aware of any complaints that have been lodged with the Town as far as the temporary tower and its visibility?

THE WITNESS (Libertine): I can't -I -- I'm not aware of anything from any of the neighbors or the Town, but I will opine on the fact that we've been working with the State Historic Preservation Office.

As you know, the tower, if and when a site is selected will have to go through the NEPA process. And because we had two candidates in
this case $I$ felt as though it was beneficial to present to the Council, try to get a feel for what the consensus was before we went forward in trying to clear the site.

As part of that whole process, the -- I did have an opportunity to speak to them about the temporary tower, because $I$ wanted them to know that, look. Even though it doesn't fall under the NEPA regulations the temporary tower was going to go up and was going to be fairly tall. So we had that discussion.

They knew that it was temporary in nature. So they did not have a real concern with it. And we have been, as $I$ say, consulting for the better part of a year on these two locations and $I$ spoke to the SHPO this week. I have provided them with the photo simulations that we had done both with the leaves on the trees, which is in the full application. And then it's the supplemental submission with the leaves off the trees so they could get a sense.

We also fit some information that was not presented to the Council, but was specific for SHPO. There is an historic district about a half mile west of these sites. And so we took a fairly
comprehensive amount of photos and provided simulations within the district as well for these permanent solutions and asked for their opinion. And the consensus at the SHPO's office was that the site $A$ was the more preferable site.

MR. EDELSON: So usually, you know, I think in terms of capacity and coverage higher is better, but you are lowering it from -- now I can't remember the number -- 176 down to 130 ? THE WITNESS (Libertine): Right. And that, that's only because the tank was still -the water tank was still at the site. And so for the coverage objectives to be met on the temporary tower we actually had to go above it to get away from any interference problems primarily to the West.

So that, that's the reason why we were taller than the tank, because the carriers were able to meet their objectives on the water tank. And so we're at kind of that comparable height now. That's why we're at the 130 feet.

MR. EDELSON: Okay. I don't know if it was like a standard temporary tower that only comes in certain sizes, and that was what it was, but obviously it was --

THE WITNESS (Libertine): No, you can pretty much -- it's just ordering the steel.

MR. EDELSON: Right. I was curious, you know, on the fencing between site $A$ and site $B$. One is a six-foot chain link and the other is eight-foot chain link. And I'm just kind of curious. They don't seem to be like ones in a high-crime area, and the other is in a low-crime area, and so it was distinction. And I couldn't -- I'm curious. Why?

THE WITNESS (Burns): Site A will be the existing fence that's out there, which is six feet with barbed wire on top. Site B will be new chain-link fence, which is proposed to be an eight-foot high chain-link fence.

MR. EDELSON: So are you saying effectively they're both at eight feet once you include the barbed wire?

THE WITNESS (Burns): With the barbed wire it's pretty close, yes.

MR. EDELSON: Okay. Or that they have the same deterrents?

THE WITNESS (Burns): Correct.
MR. EDELSON: Okay. So I might have misunderstood when we were in the field about site

B, but I thought I heard you say, no generator for site B. But on our little cheat sheet here it says, diesel generator proposed. So do we have that?

And I thought there was conversation about the generator. So can you clarify, site B, if you were to be approved for that would there be a diesel generator on site?

THE WITNESS (Burns): The way the application is right now there's no generators proposed, new generators proposed at either location. And I don't know about future shared generator. I know it's been discussed, but the way the application is there's no -- no new generators at either location.

MR. EDELSON: Okay. So I guess that -I'm not sure where the proposed one came, but -MR. MERCIER: If I could just interject? But there could be batteries, though, for their equipment. Is that right? So they still might have emergency power, but in a battery form?

THE WITNESS (Burns): That's correct.
MR. MERCIER: All right. Thank you. For both sites.

MR. EDELSON: I didn't jump in before,
but is there natural gas going along the Post Road, or an excess? We were talking about propane, but I think our preferred alternative for backup power is natural gas where delivery is not an issue.

THE WITNESS (Burns): I don't know the answer to that offhand. We -- we certainly can find it out and get back to you.

MR. EDELSON: I mean, it seemed to me as I read site $A$, in terms of site work there's not much to be done because you're really working with an existing site that's been prepared. And I was surprised by the letter that was given to us when we walked in here, from wetlands saying they wanted silt fencing.

So maybe I missed it, but is there going to be a significant amount of earth movement going on?

THE WITNESS (Burns): Well, they are going to have to put the tower foundation in which, you know, is anywhere from 25-foot squared to 30-foot square, 4 to 6 feet in the ground. So they will have to excavate out to be able to pour the concrete foundation. Then they come up with a pier and put the tower on top of it.

And then in addition they're also going to be putting in new ice bridges, which will have Sonotubes. So due to the fact that those wetlands are so close to the existing compound we felt that putting a silt fence there, while it may be belt and suspenders, it's better than not having it there.

MR. EDELSON: I think I misunderstood. I thought you were using the existing pad, but you will move. The pad that we saw, the concrete pad we saw there from the tower -- I'm sorry, from the water tank, that's going to be removed?

THE WITNESS (Burns): It's my understanding that it's already gone.

MR. EDELSON: Oh, I thought we saw a pad out there?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): The water tank was on piers, and those have been removed below grade. They're no longer there.

MR. EDELSON: I also thought when we were out there at site $A$ that someone said the abutting owner to the east was the police department, but on the map that's not what it shows. Did I misunderstand about the police being an abutting owner?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Yeah, I think that in the field someone pointed out where the Old Saybrook Police Department's equipment is on the compound that exists now.

MR. EDELSON: It's just their equipment for emergency care communications?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Correct, and it's on -- it's in the existing compound.

MR. EDELSON: I don't know if we're, you know, we hear a lot about 5G and I'm wondering if Verizon has any comments about how this tower fits into their plans for providing $5 G$ in the area. Has that been considered as part of this application?

THE WITNESS (Laredo): Jamie Laredo. Currently we don't have any plan to deploy any 5G equipment for this tower.

MR. EDELSON: So it's not part of any future plan of how to implement that?

THE WITNESS (Laredo): I can confirm that it will not be part of any near future plan.

MR. EDELSON: Okay. And just on the visibility. Okay? I'm always amazed at how these pictures come out, but I would like to just point out the photo for number nine of the existing, it
really is kind of interesting to see how dominant the utility company poles are. And it's pretty hard to find the telecommunication tower in that photo.

But I think what I wanted help with, because maybe my eyes are not just good enough anymore, but photo 14 -- and it's hard to do it here, but maybe we can do it after the session, but $I$ can't find either one of the proposed towers in the picture.

So I know you're saying it's visible, but I'm just not able to discern it.

THE WITNESS (Libertine): Yeah. There, it's a struggle there. You know, we've -- well, let me ask you a question first. There's a little bit of a back story to this because we have been kind of reviewing how we've been doing those.

They are barely visible. If you look at the existing photo where we are pointing out the yellow and red balloons, and then flip -- you can barely see that they just eclipse the trees. And they're at such a distance. I mean, we're over half a mile away and it just makes it very difficult that they're not actually called out.

But if you noticed a yellow balloon and
then flip to candidate $A$, it is just above the roofline. It -- but it's -- it is just so, as I say, we're really talking about all of six, seven feet or so actually above the roof. So it's a very small component that would be just like the, you know, the very top array. They are in there. The other problem is that, you know, these are on eight and a half by eleven piece of paper. If it was on a screen with good resolution you'd be able -- it would pop out a little bit more for you.

MR. EDELSON: Better when we break you can point it out.

THE WITNESS (Libertine): I can certainly do that, yeah.

MR. EDELSON: Okay. Thank you. That's all for me, Mr. Chairman.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Mr.
Edelson. We will continue with Mr. Hannon.
MR. HANNON: Thank you. I do have a couple of questions. I would like to get it on the record, sort of the explanation as to, I guess that lot that Kirtland Street is. So can we please explain that for the record, because I'm having a little bit of trouble with that in that $I$
don't know what the zoning is?
I don't know what the lot requirements would be. If it's an existing lot of record it may be a nonconforming lot. So I'm just trying to get my head around what it is that's out there on Kirtland Street?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): I can take a shot at explaining that. The town assessor actually originally thought that that was a town road. So when we were contemplating crossing or accessing the back lot, candidate number six in tab two, that was the only purpose for that lot as we were coming up Kirtland Street.

It was determined at that point that that's not a road at all. It's not a town road. It's a private way. Four residences along Kirtland Street have access easement over that Kirtland Street. There is a town sign which makes it confusing. The Town did put a sign up there that makes it look like a town road, but that's actually a privately owned lot on the maps. It's map 182, lot number 3.

MR. HANNON: Okay. So my guess is that it doesn't comply with any of the zoning requirements. So in some respects $I$ think what
was also mentioned is that there's currently a plan to combine that what you're saying is a lot with the abutting parcel which is all under the same ownership because of an additional plan that they have going on in that area?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): That's correct. Lots 182 -- map 182, lot 3; and map 182, lot 122, which is candidate 6 on our -- tab 2 of the application. The intention by the Dattilo Family Trust is to combine the lots, and they have a future plan of development for condominiums.

MR. HANNON: And assuming lot $B$-- or I'm sorry, parcel $B$, site $B$ was the one that was selected. How does the location here impact what the people doing the condos are -- or will that have an adverse impact on access to the site? Do they have another way of doing it?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): I don't believe so. I don't think it alters, and I think that's part and parcel of why we were asked to slide to the corner of the lot that we did, because there may be an opportunity for entrance and egress from Maple Ridge which is the street parallel to US-1 behind there.

Those houses that we see in the field
are on Maple Ridge. So I don't know if they've got access from that backside in, or either way if they come in through Kirtland Street, it's -they're unimpeded to their future plan of development.

MR. HANNON: Okay. I guess another thing from a safety perspective. If this goes forward and site $A$ is selected and site $B$ is not, this conceivably could work as an emergency access also to the condo project. So that may be something else to take into consideration.

I don't have anything else.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank You,
Mr. Hannon.
Mr. Harder?
MR. HARDER: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I guess just to beat the Kirtland site to death one more time. I know we talked about this out in the field, and you have indicated that should site $B$ be chosen the tower would straddle the line between lot two and lot six.

So would there be a lease, or is there a lease that would cover that on both so that the property lines wouldn't be redrawn?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Yes, there already is. There's -- there's an existing lease in place with the Dattilo Family Trust and it spells out three lots as a matter of fact that are -- that are back there. So the exhibit shows -- the lease exhibit shows the compound as it's drawn today straddling the lot line. The tower would be on lot 182, lot 3, and the compound would expand onto lot 122.

MR. HARDER: Okay. Thank you. You talked also about receiving, or I guess hearing some comments at the public meeting. Have you received any comments in writing from anyone?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): We had two residents contact us and I believe there are phonecalls. I don't have letters from either -Julie Barrett I thought might be here today and I do not see her here -- and her sister are both owners of property on Kirtland Street. And both of them were just, you know, in favor of candidate A versus candidate $B$.

MR. HARDER: The last question $I$ had is I guess a followup to Mr. Edelson's comment about 5G. Just a general question and not so much in terms of the business plan going forward, but in
terms of the technology and this kind of facility. How does this kind of facility fit in the $5 G$ world? I mean, I've read an article, at least one article that talked about in a 5G world there's going to be a need for a lot of smaller facilities, you know, more so than the larger, the taller facilities, you know, we see today. And I'm wondering generally is that true? But also how does this kind of facility fit in that, that kind of scenario?

THE WITNESS (Laredo): Jamie Laredo. At the present time we deploy -- the nature of the frequency used for 5 G is very coverage limited. So we normally deploy it in short antenna RAD centerlines. So to answer your question in relation to distance, the upgrade we're proposing today, it's not applicable.

MR. FISHER: As permitted -- as counsel I'm not allowed to testify, but because I do a lot of work in this industry in this particular issue maybe I can give some context.

So 5G, if we're talking about
millimeterwave technology, which I think Jamie is referring to, is typically 28 gigahertz and up, very shortwave. You're pricing a lot of
information about that in high-dense urban environments. It has a ton of capacity and capability, but you need a lot density of infrastructure for that type of technology.

When you get to tower infrastructure and more macro cell sites you will see something that starts to look like faster, and called 5G using existing spectrum as it's built out. But I think what we as an industry -- and we have to do a better job of is when we talk about 5G, it's not what the commercials are saying necessarily.

We're really talking about today millimeterwave spectrum in urban areas, but $I$ think you are going to see 5G deployment in sites like this as we go on in future years.

MR. HARDER: Thank you. I have no other questions. Thanks.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you,
Mr. Harder.
And thank you, Attorney Fisher. It's important for the education aspect of it to see how that is coming down the pike, and how it's going to fit in with what we already have. Thank you.

Mr. Lynch?

MR. LYNCH: A couple questions. Just a clarification on a couple things. I thought I heard in the field review when we were at site $A$ that the cables will be switched out to be all new cables for all the carriers. Did I hear that right?

THE WITNESS (Burns): Each of the new carriers will put in new cable -- cable bridges, and if at that time they want to swap out and put in more hyperflex lines, which could be less cables, they could. At this point I -- we don't know what their plan is in terms of cables.

MR. LYNCH: Okay. That leads me to my next question about, are all the carriers committed to the A1 low-profile antennas, or are some of them? Because I see in Mr. Libertine's simulations that there are full array antennas.

Is that just something they use as a template, or will each carrier have a different array of antennas?

THE WITNESS (Burns): That's correct. Each -- each carrier will have their own array of antennas.

MR. LYNCH: Okay. So if you have a full array of antennas with the big platform and all
that sort of stuff, will there be any problem or would you have to protect against bird nesting, like ospreys and stuff?

THE WITNESS (Libertine): We -- we've tried some in some locations to put deterrents up there. And they are -- sometimes they work and sometimes they don't.

Our -- our believe here is that this will be a prime nesting location. And so if the carriers need to work on the towers in -- in the future and the tower, or their platform, they're going to have to observe and make sure they do it at a time when it's not an active nest.

Yeah, the deterrents are out there.
There's a lot of products that are being marketed. We have done several on communication towers. I've been involved on some Eversource projects where they have tried them on the transmission towers.

MR. LYNCH: We've discussed it before. I know.

THE WITNESS (Libertine): Yeah, it is just not -- the birds are very smart. They really are, and they can work around them.

So they have not been highly effective
despite a lot of marketing hype that I've been pitched by several vendors. Not to say they won't work in some situations, but I wouldn't be able to guarantee we can keep them off of there.

And this is a prime location. I think we saw at least one Osprey fly overhead building a nest, not necessarily on our tower, but yeah. When you get the full arrays it certainly gives them the infrastructure to be able to do that.

MR. LYNCH: I just figured I'd ask. As long as I'm with you, Mr. Libertine, you talked about SHPO. Anything from the tribes?

THE WITNESS (Libertine): No, we have not gotten to the tribes yet because we are not in a formal NEPA consultation. The reason I -- I reached out to SHPO was because of the aesthetic issues. And we had two sites that were being put before you.

And it was really more for -- I felt as though I will spend my client's money like it's my own and $I$ wouldn't want to spend the money to try to clear two sites through that process if we didn't need to.

I don't envision the tribes having any concerns at site A because it's a disturbed site.

Site B, they may have some interest just in the sense that they would want to understand the history of that and, you know, understand if there was.

I -- again, that site is not what I'd consider to be a prime potential for cultural from a tribal significance standpoint. It's -typically we look for, you know, gently sloping land that might have a water body at the bottom of it and might be a southwestern facing slope.

Certain conditions that were more than -- were used more than likely by some Native American tribes for encampments and that type of thing. We don't really have that kind of characteristic going on at that site.

But they will -- if site B is chosen we will certainly have to consult with all the tribes.

MR. LYNCH: Okay. Now you talk about in the application security for the compound, and I understand that. My question really is -- and it's a general question. Have many of your sites either -- for any of the carriers, how often or do they get vandalized often? And what gets taken? THE WITNESS (Stanford): I -- I can
partially answer that. In an area like this I don't think we have as big a risk of, for instance, kids getting in there and climbing it. I don't -- I don't imagine that that's the number one threat, but the copper is very valuable. So grounding plates and such are just taken right off of towers, and they're sold for, you know, pennies on the dollar for what they're actually -- what they're actually worth. And it's -- it is quite common.

THE WITNESS (Libertine): Just anecdotally from, you know, being in the industry for the last 20 years or so, it's usually the remote locations where you see any type of, you know, vandalism or mischief being done as opposed to these sites which has quite a bit of activity and, you know, development around it.

MR. LYNCH: Thank you. Understood. Along with that, as far as vandalism that doesn't -- I mean, stealing or anything, have any of them presented themselves as an attractive nuisance to kids if they can get in?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): I suppose it would. You know, there are -- there are, again as Mike points out in the more remote locations, you
might be -- they might be attractive for some thrill seekers to climb. They're a high height structure. I know that, you know, the water tanks at the University of Connecticut, for instance, the kids regularly climb it. It's almost a challenge.

So I would imagine that that would be what it is, and we find that some -- some towers are targeted for graffiti. I don't believe that Westbrook is -- that's probably going to be the main concern. The main concern for probably the barbed wire would be the theft.

MR. LYNCH: Okay. Now my next questions have to do -- a cross between maybe Mr . Stanford and Mr. Laredo. As far as going back to the backup power if we bring in a generator, you know, are there any arrangements made in case there is a storm coming, be it a hurricane or blizzard, to in advance get either a portable generator in there or get whatever fuel is running the generators topped off?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Yeah. That's a two-part -- a two-part question. So I'll have to give you a two-part answer. In the case of a shared generator -- which again those are
addressed in the ground leases. In both of them there are provisions for a potential need for a shared generator.

Since Verizon already exists at candidate $A$ and already has their own diesel generator there, they're acting on their own. If they are required to get on a shared generator then they would make the business decision as to whether or not they would share in the generator, or go without a generator at all.

And in the case that there is no generator, which is the second part of the question, yes, arrangements are typically made ahead of time, but they're done on a carrier-by-carrier basis.

For instance $T$-Mobile has their own ops team and they have a storm preparations crew that goes out there and sets -- sets a trailer style generator at a site, and they have a schedule for refueling.

MR. LYNCH: All right. Now I have another backup question. I think this would be for Mr. Laredo.

If you got your electrical power covered with a generator what happens if that trunk phone
line goes out? That site is dead. What do you have for backup for that? Do you have any agreements with Frontier to get a priority, you know, on getting that cell site back up?

THE WITNESS (Laredo): Jamie Laredo.
The short answer is the site will be --
MR. LYNCH: Speak up?
THE WITNESS (Laredo): Yes, the short answer is the site will be down because it's fully dependent on the backhaul.

MR. LYNCH: I still didn't hear. Sorry. I still didn't hear your answer. Sorry.

THE WITNESS (Laredo): If the backhaul is down, definitely the site will -- will not be available to serve the customers.

MR. LYNCH: Can you give me a little bit -- I still didn't get what you're saying.

MR. FISHER: Mr. Laredo, I think the question just in terms of your answer and backhaul, are you referring to the wireline connection, that that's the weak link? And if that's down and unavailable, there's no backup plan for that, like a microwave link or something of that nature?

THE WITNESS (Laredo): That's correct.

MR. FISHER: I don't know if you heard him. Speak a little louder.

THE WITNESS (Laredo): That is correct.
MR. LYNCH: Thank you, Mr. Fisher.
Now my other question, Mr. Laredo, is that being so close to the Sound when the signal goes out it can go out all the way across the Sound, all the way to Long Island? Would that cause any interference with Long Island or any boats that are in the sound?

THE WITNESS (Laredo): Currently based from the latest design that $I$ have for the site my antennas are pointed towards north, west and east. Nothing is pointed towards south. So it will avoid interference with Long Island Sound network facilities, to answer the question.

MR. LYNCH: So if I'm in sailboat on the Sound, I can't use my cellphone?

THE WITNESS (Laredo): You Can still use your cellphone, but it should be more than enough in terms of reliability. But we -- it's our responsibility not to create interference to our bordering network facilities and other carriers at the same time.

MR. LYNCH: Now one more set of
questions and then I'm all done, and that would be again on storms. And in your interrogatories you're going to use the standards for the state of Connecticut, and all, so on and so forth.

But as I look at, in the application, SP-1, where it kind of states, you know -- maybe I got the wrong one here, but in the recent storms that we've had in the country, not necessarily up here, $I$ have noticed in Florida and now currently now from Texas, Oklahoma up through the Midwest, that a lot of these standards are being surpassed by the storms.

And my question is, you know, especially when I've seen photos where antennas have actually been blown off towers and this is the first time -- another one is the first time I've ever seen a tower that actually totally collapsed was at Oklahoma, or Nebraska, somewhere like that. And you know, way beyond where we were to put a fault line. It just went over. I've never seen that before.

You know, so my question really is, are these standards, even though they've just been changed, are they adequate to protect against these violent storms we're getting? And I'm not
getting into -- maybe the engineer -- I'm not getting into, you know, global warming or anything. I'm just -- the storms are getting worse.

THE WITNESS (Burns): The structural design on the tower, both the tower and for the antenna platforms is based on the current EIA/TIA revision that's adopted by the state of Connecticut. So that's what it's designed to. Is it adequate for a storm that we don't foresee? I -- I don't know the answer to that. MR. LYNCH: I guess my question would be, should the industry be looking at upgrading beyond what the State and federal government sets for standards? I guess I'm asking you to police yourself.

THE WITNESS (Burns): Perhaps.
MR. FISHER: Maybe I can just help a little bit. When you referenced EIA/TIA, that's in fact an industry group that helps set the standard with state and local government.

THE WITNESS (Burns): That's correct --
MR. FISHER: And when they go through the various revisions they take in new data. Do they not?

THE WITNESS (Burns): That's correct. We're dash "H" now. So every -- I'm not going to say every year, but there's a period of time when they put out a new supplement, and that's based on what they feel is sufficient for the conditions. MR. LYNCH: That's more informative. Thank you.

That's all, Mr. Chairman.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank You,
Mr. Lynch.
Mr. Edelson had a followup on, I believe, the generator questions.

MR. EDELSON: Right. Going back to site $A$ and the existing generator that Verizon has there, we've typically asked about capacity, how big the tank is and how many hours could you run if there was an electricity outage.

Do you have a figure on that?
THE WITNESS (Burns): Typically -- and I'm going to use the word "typically," because I don't know directly how big the generator is in that shelter. They put in a 50 kW generator with, like, I want to say a 200-gallon belly tank, which is sufficient to run for four days -- I think. I'm not positive of that, but again I don't know
what's in the shelter currently.
MR. EDELSON: Because -- and I think for a while, Mr. Chairman, we were having numerous applications and we were comparing the fact that different carriers seem to have -- some were 72 hours, some were 96 , and trying to figure out what the rationale for that was.

But what seems strange to me is Verizon has, let's say, 72 hours is the right number for site A. And you're saying, well but for site B we don't care about backup.

So I'm kind of still trying to get my hands around why Verizon -- and Verizon always seemed to me to be a leader of saying, reliability is key. We want that backup generator. I'm talking about other sites that we've seen in the past.

And now we come along and site $B$, you're saying no proposed generator at this time. You might change your mind. So I'm just trying to better understand why site $B$ would be no generator.

THE WITNESS (Stanford): I can try to address that. Typically now Verizon is at a corporate level unable to write two leases
concurrently for one site on their business unit. So it's just -- it really is a matter of what they're able to do. And right now they're only able to sign a lease on one with provision for an alternate if the primary candidate is denied.

So they have not yet designed what would happen on the secondary site, but would -- and they would contemplate that on a case basis. So if we were to move over there they would need to design that entire site ground up as a new site built under a budget of its own.

MR. EDELSON: Okay. So I guess I'd make the request that if you could get back to the Council with your best guess, or best estimate I should say, of site A's duration if there was no power?

THE HEARING OFFICER: Well, let me interject on that one. You do have backup battery. So the question $I$ would pose as a followup to Mr. Edelson is, how long are your batteries going to last?

THE WITNESS (Burns): And also under understand that that generator is strictly for Verizon.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Understood. So

I'm again following up with that to say, okay. You go to site A or site $B$ where you don't have a generator that's there, but you have battery backup power. How long are your batteries expected to last?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): So for clarification, if a site were to be approved either at candidate $A$ or $B$, and the Council were to mandate a shared generator, we -- it's our anticipation that all of the participating carriers would be interested in using that.

We just do not have -- in their site license agreements we have no provision in that yet, because as it stands Verizon is leased and has continuity at the site that they're at now and are accommodated by a generator at that site, but would in all likelihood participate in the shared generator.

THE HEARING OFFICER: But going back to my question, how long do your batteries last?

THE WITNESS (Burns): My -- my suggestion is that we get back with each one of the carriers in terms of what they have for batteries out there and generator, and maybe come back to the commission with that.

MR. FISHER: If I could just add because I was sharing and I could ask it by way of a question, if $I$ could, as a followup for my witness.

I think one of the unique circumstances of this site has been it's been an existing site at the water tank. And the focus of the carriers has been continuity of service. Is that correct?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Yes.
MR. FISHER: And is that part of the reason why because it's slightly different than a normal tower build they haven't yet focused on the question of backup power in this particular instance?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): It is.
MR. FISHER: But you would expect that absolutely once a site is identified would need backup power and be looking for a shared generator solution if that's something you're offering as MCM?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Correct.
MR. FISHER: So it's really a little bit from the genesis of how we got here with this site, as opposed to either typical tower planning. Is that correct?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Yeah, it's -it's unique in that it was an existing site.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Let me stay on this for one more minute or so. The temporary tower that you have right now, is there backup battery power for that?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): There is not. There's no battery backup for two of the three carriers there. Verizon's equipment is operating where it was on the water tank. So they do have -- they are accommodated by a backup generator now.

The other two carriers have battery backup, which again doesn't get them through any more than they get -- an alarm goes off at the switch and they send a tech out to fix the problem. It's hours not days on battery backup.

THE HEARING OFFICER: And again, I think the concern that the Council has is, okay. Reliability, what does happen in the event that you have such outages and that type of thing?

You know, from my personal experience we got hit with a tornado in Hamden, and I didn't have any type of cell power at all. And you couldn't even get out to try to get cell power
because all the trees were down, et cetera, et cetera.

So again, reliability and how long would things last either without a generator or with a generator would be very, very important to the Council. So I pose that to you to think about that in your designs.

I did have two other followups that I wanted to ask. One on Mr. Lynch. He had asked about the fence and the barbed wire business for security. Are there any other security measures being proposed?

THE WITNESS (Burns): At site A besides the ones that already existed, each of the carriers, they, you know, Verizon has a silent alarm at their shelter, et cetera, et cetera. There's no other security, overall security being proposed.

THE HEARING OFFICER: So really just for the shelter, but not necessarily for anything else that might be exposed?

THE WITNESS (Burns): That's correct.
THE WITNESS (Stanford): Except that the climbing pegs on the top -- the lowest climbing pegs are removed when no one is there. They're
not reachable.
THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. The other followup I had was going back to the visual drawings with Mr. Libertine. I think I've got a magnifying glass in my car that I'll grab during the break and share it with Mr. Edelson and we can find that.

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Okay. Great. Thank you.

THE HEARING OFFICER: A couple questions that I had. If you look at page 24 of the application it has an overall estimated cost of 135,000 for site $A$, but then if you continue within the body of tab 6A -- and there's no page number, there's the estimated cost of 265,000 dollars that includes excavation and foundation, and $I$ just want to make sure that the 265,000 is the accurate figure.

THE WITNESS (Libertine): Mr. Silvestri, can you point out where you see the 265,000-dollar figure? I'm not seeing that.

THE HEARING OFFICER: I've got to go back to tab 6A.

MS. BACHMAN: Mr. Libertine, it's before your preliminary historic resources determination.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Actually go to tab B and work backwords. And it's only a couple pages back.

THE WITNESS (Libertine): Thank you.
MS. BACHMAN: I think you're on the page. It just looks like this.

THE WITNESS (Libertine): Okay. I'm following.

THE WITNESS (Stanford): So I think the more -- I think the more accurate ones will be under tab 6 because on page 24 prior to tab 1 the excavation and foundation costs are not incorporated into site B.

THE HEARING OFFICER: So could I say that the 265,000 does incorporate the excavation --

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Hard costs, yes.

THE HEARING OFFICER: And foundation cost, and that is the more representative cost?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): A more representative cost, yes.

THE HEARING OFFICER: I want to go -similar for site B. All right? And this is within the body of tab 6B. The same type of
table. We have the cost of $\$ 335,500$. It includes excavation and foundation?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Yes.
THE HEARING OFFICER: But the question I have for you, does that estimate include tree removal?

I will give you a further lead in, if I could? There's a landscaping line item that's there, but to me landscaping means doing things after the fact.

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Yeah, that's -the -- the landscaping would be after the fact to dress it up to screen and so forth. So I don't believe tree removal is included.

THE HEARING OFFICER: So that would be an additional cost?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): It would be over and above the 335,000.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Thank you.
Going back to when the tower was there, I believe the tower itself was 120 feet high. And then the antennas came up above that to, maybe 130 feet?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): The actual top of the dome, the crown of the tank was at 130 feet
and the antennas were actually below that. They did not exceed the crown height of the tower.

THE HEARING OFFICER: So those antennas did not exceed 130 feet?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Correct. Yes, correct.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. Have all the subsurface structures, whatever they might have been for that former tank, have they been removed from the process of the water company taking the tank out?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Yes, the -- the four concrete piers that the tower -- tank used to stand on are removed.

THE HEARING OFFICER: So you don't expect any interference in the work that you're proposing to do at site A?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Not from the former foundation.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. And I believe the last one $I$ have for you is regarding the current underground utility connections at site A. Does anything need to be modified with what exists already underground?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): We will have a
power utility walk with Eversource, and they'll determine at that point if what is there is sufficient.

As far as fiber to the site, do you know, Bob, how old the fiber to the site is?

THE WITNESS (Burns): I don't, but prior to construction it would be our recommendation that the contractor have a GPR performed out there to make sure they identify everything due to the fact that it is inside the compound and records are scarce, if you will. So they will be identified prior.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. That's all the questions that $I$ have. I just want to go back to our councilmembers and see if anybody else has another question -- or Mr. Mercier?

MR. MERCIER: I have a few questions. Thank you.

Just going back to the cost estimate we just talked about that you included landscaping, and the cost, $\$ 17,000$ for both sites, but earlier I think you said there was no landscaping proposed.

So is there, and what would it consist of?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): The landscaping and screening is not proposed, but it's anticipated. So typically at a D and M or building permit level there will be requirements for screening, or just for enhancing the looks of the property. So that's what we budget for.

MR. MERCIER: And I'm not sure what 17,000 gets you. Is that shrubs and things of that nature?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Typically, yeah. Shrubs, mulch beds.

MR. MERCIER: Is that on all four sides, or is that one side?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Site A would be on three sides, or whatever fits up to the wetlands. So probably even two just in front of the thing. So it's really screened from where it's visible from the road.

MR. MERCIER: Okay. Thank you.
Earlier you were talking about ospreys.
Are there any observations -- do they damage the equipment on the tower by using it as a nesting location based on your experience?

THE WITNESS (Libertine): I'll start and
I'll let Mr. Gustafson also -- he has even more
experience, actually direct observations for nesting individuals. We -- we have found that for the most part there has not been a destructive characteristic associated with them testing.

It typically is a nuisance factor for the carriers because it does not allow them to get up and work on the antennas or on their equipment if the nest is active, which can be sometimes four or five months out of the year.

But no, we haven't really seen a lot of antenna or equipment destruction, at least in my experience. Dean may have seen something I'm not aware of.

THE WITNESS (Gustafson): Yeah, for the ospreys species we haven't witnessed any type of equipment, antenna, cabling, any of that infrastructure damage.

There is some fouling, you know, from the birds being up there and also feeding and perching up there. So it's more of a nuisance that needs to be cleaned.

Other species like the common raven will actually tear off casing for cables and whatnot. So those, those species will actually do some physical damage, peck at antenna casings and
whatnot, so.
MR. MERCIER: Thank you. And going back to the timeline, I asked questions earlier how would the current carriers transfer their equipment to one of the new towers if this application is approved?

Now once the tower is up and ready for collocation by the carriers, is MCM going to give them a timeline?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): There is one, yes.

MR. MERCIER: Okay. What period of time would they have to get all of their equipment off so you can take down --

THE WITNESS (Stanford): It's caveated by reasonable, but when the construction is complete their site license agreement for the -for the new tower takes the place or terminates their agreement for their lease on the temporary tower.

So we'll notify them that it's coming down within a certain period of time, and we have to discuss how long that would -- that would be. It would be no -- no longer than, say, a 60-day period to coordinate three carriers. Once the --
once the tower is up to get them off the temporary tower and then we have to -- then we have to go, you know, organize and orchestrate in getting that temporary tower out of there.

MR. MERCIER: Okay. So you're thinking 60 days or so. It won't be like a year or something?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): No.
MR. MERCIER: Okay. Mr. Laredo, I guess the only other question I have is I was looking through the plots and there was one plot that said, proposed LTE, 850 megahertz. So that, that would be an entirely new service that's not offered right now in that frequency?

THE WITNESS (Laredo): That's correct.
MR. MERCIER: Okay. That's all. Thank you. No other question.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you,
Mr. Mercer.
Do any of the other councilmembers have any follow-up questions? Mr. Edelson.

MR. EDELSON: I was just thinking that this is one of the first sites I've been to that's this close to the coast. And thinking about Hurricane Sandy a few years ago, I don't think
this area got hit as hard as west of here.
But are there any provisions in the design that you've done here that, let's say, you might not have done if it was further north from here to account for a storm surge given the proximity to the shore?

THE WITNESS (Stanford): Bob, do you want to address the coastline standards versus other areas inland?

THE WITNESS (Burns): The standards that would apply here will be applied to the design. Now most of that is taken into consideration in the EIA/TIA document.

MR. EDELSON: So it adjusts for location --

THE WITNESS (Burns): Yes.
MR. EDELSON: -- in terms of proximity to where the storm surge is?

THE WITNESS (Burns): I'm going to say yes.

MR. EDELSON: Okay. And that appears as far as in the pad, the concrete pad, or the tower itself?

THE WITNESS (Burns): Oh, yeah. Well, the concrete pad takes into account the amount of
wind that we're designed per that document, and that's per town. So the closer you get to the shore or the county, the windspeed that you need to design to is increased.

MR. EDELSON: So most of it is in the substructure, if you will -- or the tower, I'm sorry. You're talking about the tower itself?

THE WITNESS (Burns): It's either the substructure, the foundation, or the tower itself. Sometimes the base is six feet. Sometimes it's eight foot. It depends if they designed them together. So -- so both, I would say.

MR. EDELSON: But it's in the standard to account for that because of where Westbrook is?

THE WITNESS (Burns): Yes. Yes.
THE WITNESS (Stanford): The standards account for higher sustained wind speeds and higher peak wind speeds along the coast versus inland.

THE WITNESS (Burns): That's right.
THE HEARING OFFICER: And one followup. We were talking about ospreys before, and a little light went off in my head because of some work I used to do many years ago.

Is there any concern with any of your
installations, or this one in particular with monk parrots?

THE WITNESS (Libertine): It's
interesting you bring that, that up. You know, in my experience we have not seen that to be a real problem in terms of any nesting. They tend to like transformers because of the heat, I think. So we haven't seen -- that these don't generate a great deal of heat. So we haven't seen that.

I have not in my -- all the years I've been doing this I've never experienced that. I have seen the monk parakeets down the shoreline more in UI's territory where they have really created some major nests on -- telephone poles seem to be more to their liking.

And I think it's the transformers is what tends to draw them because of the heat, but we -- I have not seen any. I don't know if anyone else on the panel has seen that particular problem.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Yeah. Like I said, it was a curiosity question on my part. But you're absolutely right about the heat. It was the heat from the transformers that kind of drew them there. And I think it was a number of years
ago they actually saw them in the news just about every day, but that kind of died out, too. So -THE WITNESS (Libertine): They make a racket, and I know that was a problem for, you know, some of the folks and neighbors who had, you know, their windows were right next to these.

But then again when they went to eradicate them, they screamed holy you know what, too. So you know, it's kind of a balance.

THE HEARING OFFICER: There's a balance, yeah.

THE WITNESS (Libertine): I certainly have not seen it on any towers.

THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.
If we have no additional questions the Council will recess until 6:30 p.m. at which time we will commence the public comment session of this hearing. Thank you.
(Whereupon, the above proceedings were concluded at 4:25 p.m.)

## CERTIFICATE

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