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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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Docket No. 455

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless,
Application for a Certificate of
Environmental Compatibility and Public Need
for the Construction, Maintenance, and
Operation of a Telecommunications Facility
Located at Southington Tax Assessor Map/Lot
066053, 99 East Street, Southington,
Connecticut

Public Hearing held at the Southington
Town Hall, Council Chambers, 75 Main Street,
Southington, Connecticut, Tuesday, March 10,
2015, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

H e l d B e f o r e :

PHILIP T. ASHTON
Hearing Officer

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1 Appearances:
2 Council Members:
3 COMM. MICHAEL CARON, PURA Designee
4 ROBERT HANNON, DEEP Designee
5 DR. MICHAEL W. KLEMENS
6 DANIEL P. LYNCH, JR.
7 DR. BARBARA C. BELL
8
9 Council Staff:
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11 Executive Director and
12 Staff Attorney
13
14 FRED CUNLIFFE
15 Supervising Siting Analyst
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21 Hartford, Connecticut 06103
22 By: KENNETH C. BALDWIN, ESQ.
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1 executive director and staff attorney; and
2 Fred Cunliffe, far left, supervising siting
3 analyst.
4 This is a continuation of a
5 public hearing that began at 3 p.m. this
6 afternoon. Copies of the hearing program and
7 the citizens guide to Siting Council
8 procedures are available for members of the
9 public.
10 This hearing is held pursuant
11 to the provisions of Title 16 of the
12 Connecticut General Statutes, and of the
13 Uniform Administrative Procedure Act upon an
14 application from Cellco Partnership, doing
15 business as Verizon Wireless for a
16 certificate of environmental compatibility
17 and public need for the construction,
18 maintenance and operation of a
19 telecommunication facility located at 99 East
20 Street in Southington.
21 This application was received
22 by the Council on December 30, 2014. This
23 application is also governed by the
24 Telecommunications Act of 1996 which is
25 administered by the Federal Communications

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1 MICHAEL LIBERTINE,
2 SANDY CARTER,
3 DEAN GUSTAFSON,
4 CARLO F. CENTORE,
5 JAMIE LAREDO,
6 having been previously duly sworn, were
7 examined and testified further on their
8 oaths as follows:
9 THE HEARING OFFICER: Good
10 evening, ladies and gentlemen. This hearing
11 is called to order this Tuesday, March 10,
12 2015, at 7 p.m. My name is Phil Ashton. I'm
13 acting chairman of the Connecticut Siting
14 Council for the hearing.
15 Other members of the Council
16 are Robert Hannon, who's the designee for
17 Commissioner Robert Klee at the Department of
18 Energy and Environmental Protection;
19 Commissioner Mike Caron, designee for
20 Chairman Arthur House of the Public Utilities
21 Regulatory Authority, and Daniel P. Lynch,
22 Jr.; Dr. Michael Klemens; and Dr. Barbara
23 Bell.
24 Members of the staff are, on
25 my immediate left, Melanie Bachman, acting

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1 Commission. This act prohibits the Council
2 from considering the health effects of radio
3 frequency emissions on human health and
4 wildlife to the extent the emissions from
5 towers are within the federal acceptable safe
6 limits standard, which standard is also
7 followed by the State Department of Public
8 Health.
9 The federal act also prohibits
10 this Council from discriminating between and
11 amongst providers of functionally equivalent
12 services. This simply means that if one
13 carrier already provides service for an area,
14 other carriers have a right to compete and
15 provide service to the same area.
16 The applicant published notice
17 of the filing of the application with the
18 Council in the Record Journal, Meriden Record
19 Journal, on December 22 and 23, 2014. The
20 Council's legal notice of the date and time
21 of this hearing was published in the Record
22 Journal on January 27th of this year.
23 Upon this Council's request,
24 the applicant erected a sign at the proposed
25 site so as to inform the public of the name

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1 of the applicant, the type of the facility,
2 hearing date and the location and contact
3 information for the Council. This afternoon
4 members of the Council, staff and public
5 personally conducted a field review of the
6 proposed site to better observe firsthand the
7 potential effects of the proposal.
8 This hearing session tonight
9 has been reserved first for the public to
10 make short statements into the record. These
11 public statements are not subject to
12 questions from the parties or the Council,
13 and members of the public making statements
14 may not ask questions of the parties or the
15 Council. These statements will become a part
16 of the record for the Council's
17 consideration. A sign-up sheet is available
18 on the podium for those who would like to
19 participate.
20 As a reminder to all,
21 off-the-record communication with a member of
22 the Council or a member of the Council's
23 staff upon the merits of this application is
24 explicitly prohibited by law -- I wish to
25 note that the parties and intervenors,

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1 including their representatives and witnesses
2 are not allowed to participate in the public
3 comment session.
4 I also wish to note for those
5 who are here and for the benefit of your
6 friends and neighbors who are unable to join
7 us for the public comment session, that you
8 or they may send written comments to the
9 Council within 30 days of the date hereof,
10 and such written statements will be given the
11 same weight as if spoken tonight at the
12 hearing.
13 If necessary, party and
14 intervenor cross-examination that began at
15 the hearing session held this afternoon at 3
16 p.m. may continue after the public comment
17 session if time remains. We ask that each
18 person making a public comment in this
19 proceeding confine his or her statements to
20 the subject matter before the Council and
21 avoid unreasonable repetition so that we may
22 hear all of the concerns you and your
23 neighbors may have. Please be advised that
24 the Council cannot answer questions from the
25 public about the proposal.

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1 A verbatim transcript will be
2 made of this hearing and deposited in the
3 town clerk's office here in Southington for
4 the convenience of the public.
5 Before I call on the public,
6 I'd like the applicant to make a brief
7 presentation to the public describing the
8 nature of the facility, where it's located
9 and why it's necessary and what alternatives
10 were investigated.
11 COMM. CARON: Mr. Chairman,
12 may I ask a clarifying question concerning
13 public written comments into the record?
14 THE HEARING OFFICER: Yes,
15 sir.
16 COMM. CARON: That they could
17 also be done by e-mail?
18 THE HEARING OFFICER: Yes.
19 COMM. CARON: Thank you.
20 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank
21 you. You may not have heard the question.
22 The question was, will we accept comments by
23 e-mail? The answer is explicitly yes.
24 Mr. Centore?
25 THE WITNESS (Centore): Yes.

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1 THE HEARING OFFICER: Go.
2 THE WITNESS (Centore): Okay.
3 Good evening. My name is Carlo Centore with
4 the firm of Sintech Engineering, and our role
5 in this process is to design a facility or
6 the infrastructure that Verizon wireless will
7 be using to attach its antennas to and
8 install its equipment so that they can
9 provide signal. What I'm going to do is
10 describe what the infrastructure consists of,
11 give you an idea of what Verizon is planning
12 to build.
13 There -- what's being proposed
14 here is a 50-by-50 fenced in compound that
15 will house Verizon's equipment, shelter, and
16 tower. It's located on the northwest --
17 actually, almost centrally located on the
18 major portion of the Town-owned parcel just
19 due east of the -- the existing power lines
20 behind the, what's currently a composting
21 facility off of East Street.
22 Coming off of East Street,
23 there's an existing gravel drive and curb
24 cut. That gravel drive will be improved as
25 part of Verizon's installation. There's

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1 approximately 600 feet of drive that will be
2 improved and another 160 feet of drive that
3 will lead to the Verizon compound area.
4 Along the easterly side of the
5 property, which is part of the loop around
6 the composting heap, is where utilities will
7 be brought up to the site. Those will be
8 underground, and that will consist of
9 telephone and power.
10 The disruption as part of this
11 construction is very minimal. The area is --
12 is pretty level. There's some minor grading
13 that needs to happen. There's some
14 excavation work associated with construction
15 of the tower, but everything gets returned
16 pretty close to the current grades with
17 adjustments made to make sure that -- to
18 assure that any drainage or drainage patterns
19 remain consistent with the existing
20 condition.
21 What's being proposed here is
22 what's called a monopine tower. It's a --
23 it's a steel tower. It has levels for
24 attachment of antennas at 60 feet, future
25 70 feet, and Verizon's proposed installation

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1 at 80 feet and then the Town owned whip, or
2 Town owned antenna, at a height of 90 feet.
3 The overall height of the structure is
4 90 feet. That's the steel pole. The
5 branches themselves will extend 7 feet above
6 the tower to finish off the pine tree effect
7 that is trying to be achieved here.
8 At the base of the facility,
9 there's -- what's being proposed now is a
10 12-by-30 shelter. It may be 12-by-24,
11 depending on what Verizon needs to house for
12 equipment here, but what's being proposed
13 today is a 12-by-30 shelter. There's a
14 propane tank for fueling of the emergency
15 generator that gets cycled once a week for
16 about 20 minutes to make sure that it remains
17 operational in case there is an emergency and
18 it does need to work.
19 There's provisions made for
20 equipment of future carriers, should another
21 carrier wish to locate on this site. The
22 process is -- is much less disruptive than
23 the initial construction in that the area is
24 already prepped and ready to receive a pad
25 for a future carrier to come in and locate

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1 its antennas on the tower.
2 Also located at the base of
3 the facility, there will be utility meters, a
4 telephone box for a telephone service.
5 Fencing around the site will be a 6-foot --
6 excuse me, 7-foot chain-link fence.
7 THE WITNESS (Carter): Eight.
8 THE WITNESS (Centore): We're
9 going eight? Sorry. We're going to go with
10 an 8-foot chain link fence with privacy slats
11 to screen whatever is inside the shelter,
12 inside the fenced area. And we're also
13 proposing some evergreen vegetation around
14 the base of the compound to -- to further
15 screen it.
16 What's nice about this
17 particular facility is -- is the way that
18 it's set in this, the existing grades is that
19 the -- the actual facility from anywhere on
20 the outskirts of the property is set low
21 enough that you see very little of the base.
22 I think the only other thing
23 that I didn't cover is what's being installed
24 on the tower. There are proposed antennas
25 for a total of 12 -- excuse me -- yes, 12

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1 communications antennas, and they are
2 120 degrees apart from each other. There's a
3 triangular platform that's built right into
4 the tree branches that the antennas mount to.
5 I refer to Ken for anything further.
6 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank
7 you, Mr. Centore.
8 THE WITNESS (Centore): You're
9 welcome.
10 THE HEARING OFFICER: I'm
11 going to call on the names as they signed up
12 on the list. The first one I have is Kaitlin
13 Spalter. Come up to the podium, please.
14 KAITLIN SPALTER: Hi. I'm
15 Kaitlin Spalter. I live at 138 East Street,
16 so it's right across from where the proposed
17 thing is. It is a complete eyesore. Right
18 now you see the balloon that's -- you look
19 out my window, that's the first thing you see
20 is that balloon. It's a complete eyesore.
21 It's a beautiful farm right
22 now. Next year I don't know if it will be a
23 farm because of the construction, and now
24 that it's -- there's so much snow on the
25 ground, I don't know where they're putting

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1 the utilities. That's where he farms, so he
2 can't farm that this year. So he's losing
3 all that, then he's losing the whole space
4 where the site is. He's losing all that too.

5 So we're losing all that, and
6 plus, where the utilities is, there's no way
7 he can do it this year. So that's like a big
8 eyesore. And like I said, I live right
9 across the street. That's the first thing
10 you see is -- we're going to see the tower.

11 And I'm not crazy about this
12 pine thing. I think that sticks out just as
13 much as an actual cell phone tower. I know
14 earlier you guys were talking about the silo.
15 I almost would rather see that, because then
16 it would look like -- because it is a farm it
17 will almost look like a farm. So that's just
18 my opinion.

19 And I also -- maybe you'll
20 talk about it. You guys mentioned Old
21 Turnpike Road. I know they were supposed to
22 do homework. I don't know if they were going
23 to talk about that later. Remember? Okay.
24 Other sites. I don't know why we're stuck on
25 the site. When I bought the house, that was

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1 Mr. Spalter, go ahead.
2 MICHAEL SPALTER: Michael
3 Spalter 138, East Street. A few questions I
4 have. I mean, there's, like I said, there's
5 a few other sites that could be where the
6 cell phone tower can go. I guess they came
7 to my father-in-law. He owns the golf course
8 down the street. And they talked to him a
9 while back before they talked about this
10 site, and it's a one acre lot.

11 They looked at that and it's
12 right in between a restaurant and an oil
13 company, right on Meriden Road, which isn't
14 too far from there. And I don't know if
15 they've discussed that, but that was another
16 site. There's the Old Turnpike site, and
17 there's also a few sites down the street on
18 East Street that are set back. There's a lot
19 of land down there on East Street with roads,
20 access roads that go back, but they're
21 privately owned. I don't know if anybody has
22 contacted them.

23 I mean, it would be set back
24 in the woods. It wouldn't be right out in
25 the open. I mean, it's a residential area.

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1 the Town's property, was told the only thing
2 it could be used for is something to do with
3 the town, park, fire Department, something
4 like that. Why it's allowed to be -- we were
5 never notified that it was going to be
6 anything different like a cell phone tower,
7 or et cetera.

8 If we go to sell our house,
9 the cell phone tower brings the property
10 value down. Whether -- I mean, it does. So
11 our house, like I said, someone who comes to
12 look at our house to buy it, they look
13 outside, that's the first thing they're going
14 to see, is the cell phone tower.

15 So that's pretty much all I
16 have to say.

17 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank
18 you very much. Mr. Mike Spalter.

19 DAVID KING: Can I just ask
20 the question. I didn't see the sign-up list
21 over there when I walked in. Can I get added
22 to that?

23 THE HEARING OFFICER: Yes.
24 There's a list up there. We'll take care of
25 it.

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1 I don't really, you know, I've got kids.
2 There's a lot of kids in the area. I don't
3 know how much harm cell phone towers do. I'm
4 not really too -- I don't know much about
5 them, but I really don't want to live next to
6 one, and I'm sure a lot of other people feel
7 the same way.

8 But -- and another thing is
9 with the drainage, you guys are talking about
10 all this drainage. That's a flood area back
11 there, a hundred year flood. I don't know if
12 that's going to affect the houses that are
13 there now when you're talking about draining.
14 I mean, it gets real wet back there as it is
15 now. What's going to happen with all this
16 water runoff and when you start interrupting
17 it? And I don't know. So I mean, I don't
18 know.

19 I get good service as it is
20 there. You say we don't get good service
21 over there, but I've got AT&T. I've got
22 great service. I never had a problem with my
23 service.

24 THE HEARING OFFICER: This is
25 Verizon, not AT&T.

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1 MICHAEL SPALTER: Yeah, I
2 know, but I'm just saying I get good service.
3 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank
4 you very much. Brian Moore.
5 BRIAN MOORE: Hi. My name is
6 Brian Moore. I live at 169 East Street. My
7 property is the second closest to this
8 proposed cell tower.
9 I bought my house in 2012, and
10 if I had known then, I probably would have
11 second-guessed what I paid for that house. I
12 don't know how much this would affect the
13 property value of my home, but naturally, if
14 my home is up against the same home in the
15 same market without a cell phone tower, I
16 would assume it's not going to sell as quick.
17 I would bet that that's a fact.
18 As far as this idea of a
19 monopine, last summer when they had the
20 meeting, there was some photos and -- of what
21 the area would look like. And those photos
22 were in the spring, summertime. There were
23 leaves on the trees. That monopine was
24 definitely a lot more hidden. Today we
25 didn't see any pictures during the winter

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1 months of what that monopine would look like.
2 And that's, for the most part, a deciduous
3 forest back there. I've seen a couple of
4 pines back there, but not a whole heck of a
5 lot.
6 So I'd like the Siting Council
7 to reconsider the idea of a monopine. And
8 that's all. Thanks.
9 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay.
10 Thank you very much. David King.
11 DAVID KING: Hello. My name
12 is David King, 12 Carter Heights,
13 Plantsville. I'm a about a mile or so, as
14 the bird flies from this proposed tower. For
15 all clarity's sake, I do own a wireless
16 construction company. I have no fiscal
17 interest in this particular tower. I can say
18 from my personal experience in the
19 neighborhood visiting friends, my Verizon
20 phone gets terrible service.
21 I've heard some complaints
22 about property values going down. I've had
23 several people tell me from our industry that
24 the first thing that they're talking to with
25 their realtors is people grab their cell

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1 phones and they look at their cell phones and
2 see I have no service. So by the fact of
3 having poor service at these properties, I
4 think the property value will go up with the
5 tower actually covering that area.
6 As far as the monopine goes, I
7 don't have any particular issues with it. I
8 know monopines have come to a much better
9 state than they have in the last ten years.
10 There are some that I can't even find and I
11 look at these things every day. I think
12 that's pretty much it.
13 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank
14 you very much.
15 KAITLIN SPALTER: Can I speak
16 again?
17 THE HEARING OFFICER: We're
18 not going to go back and forth. We just
19 can't do it.
20 KAITLIN SPALTER: I forgot one
21 question I had.
22 THE HEARING OFFICER: No.
23 Is there anyone else who has
24 signed up and would like to speak?
25 (No response.)

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1 THE HEARING OFFICER: Seeing
2 no one, we will close the public comment
3 session.
4 And Mr. Baldwin, you heard
5 some comments. Do you care to make any
6 comment on the questions that were raised?
7 MR. BALDWIN: I suppose,
8 Mr. Chairman, on the legal side that for the
9 benefit of the Spalters, the Siting Council's
10 jurisdiction does not extend to consideration
11 of property value issues. I think that's an
12 important point to get out.
13 With respect to the homework
14 assignments, we were able to get some
15 additional information that we'd like to get
16 into the record that might address some of
17 the other questions that were raised.
18 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank
19 you. Yes, please.
20 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Laredo, with
21 respect to the AM radio towers that were
22 identified at 440 Old Turnpike Road, did you
23 have an opportunity -- and Mr. Centore -- did
24 you have an opportunity to review these
25 towers, and do you have any comments to offer

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1 with respect to their usefulness as an
2 alternative to the facility proposed in the
3 application?
4 THE WITNESS (Centore): Yes, I
5 did. Start? Sure.
6 Well there -- there we were
7 able to confirm they -- they are two AM -- AM
8 radio towers. They're -- they're 250 feet in
9 height. We also confirmed that the ground
10 elevation there is approximately 60 feet
11 lower.
12 THE HEARING OFFICER: And for
13 the record, clearly, where are they located?
14 THE WITNESS (Centore): They
15 are located at 440 Old Turnpike Road here in
16 Southington.
17 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank
18 you.
19 THE WITNESS (Centore): The
20 grade elevation is approximately 60 feet
21 lower than -- than the proposed site, so at
22 minimum we would estimate a height of
23 140 feet. And Jamie can further explain that
24 he may need additional height should that
25 location be required because its being pulled

1 away from where it's current location is.
2 What that means from a
3 structural standpoint is, is that we're going
4 to be putting antennas on a tower at 140 to
5 150 feet, which is, you know, almost halfway
6 up on a very light duty tower. Those are
7 designed to carry no antennas and just the
8 tower itself is the antenna. So from a
9 structural standpoint, we can be almost
10 guaranteed reinforcements.
11 What that means here is that
12 we have an AM tower that's very difficult to
13 put out of commission because it needs to
14 maintain service. It needs to be maintained
15 on air, and the long-term shutdowns for the
16 type of reinforcements that I would envision
17 on a structure of this type could be
18 prohibitive, from the owner's standpoint, in
19 wanting to work with Verizon in locating
20 their antennas there.
21 In addition to the difficulty
22 during construction or modifications, the
23 same concerns that were raised with the
24 transmission towers is shutdowns are
25 necessary for any upgrades. Repairs to the

1 facility would require some long lead times
2 and difficulty scheduling.
3 And last, but not least, when
4 it comes to AM towers, the installation
5 becomes quite costly and maintenance
6 intensive because the grounding and grounding
7 isolation of the carrier's equipment on an AM
8 communication tower tend to be cost
9 prohibitive and difficult to maintain.
10 THE HEARING OFFICER:
11 Mr. Laredo, you want to add to
12 that?
13 THE WITNESS (Laredo): Yes,
14 sir. For an RF standpoint -- dimension AM
15 tower, it's located one mile west from our
16 proposed facility. It is 1.3 miles south of
17 the existing Southington 2 wireless facility
18 and 1.23 miles north of Milldale. With that
19 being said, it's almost directly in between
20 those two existing sites.
21 And like Mr. Centore mentioned
22 earlier about the height requirement, that's
23 a minimum of 140 feet of RAD center that
24 would be required for me to be able to
25 accomplish some of the objectives that will

1 be met by the existing proposed facility.
2 This AM tower location, if
3 granted, if we proceed in putting our
4 antennas 140 feet up top, it will create
5 interference with the existing Southington 2
6 and Milldale facility.
7 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank
8 you.
9 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Laredo, you
10 mentioned that you would be able to satisfy
11 at 140 feet some of your radio frequency
12 objectives. Can we imply from that that it
13 would not satisfy the same objectives as the
14 proposed East Street facility?
15 THE WITNESS (Laredo): That's
16 correct. And, at some point, I might need to
17 even adjust the height due to that reason.
18 MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Centore,
19 there was some discussion at the afternoon
20 session regarding the CL&P, or the Eversource
21 transmission tower rating system. Do you
22 have any additional information regarding the
23 transmission lines that cross through the
24 town parcel of the proposed facility
25 location?

1 THE WITNESS (Centore): Yes, I
2 do. What I was able to do is we have -- we
3 have a grid map for the Northeast Utilities
4 system that we were able to find those three
5 lines. There were three lines, two on steel
6 lattice towers and then another line on the
7 wood -- wood poles. Those three lines, from
8 2010 mapping -- I don't know if anything has
9 been changed there, but from 2010 mapping are
10 115 kVA lines.

11 I did read -- did read the
12 letter that was provided that was prepared by
13 Mr. Morissette. It was pretty clear in his
14 letter that the 115 kV lines are slightly --
15 they have a slightly lower rating, but they
16 could still need to be maintained online.
17 Considering the proximity to the substation,
18 I would tend to believe that these would be
19 critical lines, but again that would have to
20 be confirmed with Northeast Utilities.

21 Past experience on that line,
22 there was a recent site that was
23 decommissioned. It was an 18-week minimum
24 lead time to decommission the site. That
25 could be longer than in the case of

1 constructing a new site only because the
2 shutdown would have to be for a longer period
3 of time considering that the tower would need
4 to be modified to accommodate antennas, and
5 foundation reinforcements would be required
6 on those lattice type structures. And
7 that's -- that's all I was able to come up
8 with with regard to that transmission line at
9 this point.

10 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank
11 you. You mentioned the 115 kVA?

12 THE WITNESS (Centore):
13 Correct.

14 THE HEARING OFFICER: It's
15 correctly said, 115 kV.

16 THE WITNESS (Centore): KV?

17 THE HEARING OFFICER: Not A.
18 The A is for amperes.

19 THE WITNESS (Centore): Yes.
20 Structural. Sorry.

21 THE WITNESS (Libertine): I
22 would just add that from the perspective of,
23 I guess Verizon, we still believe, even if we
24 could use those, that the proposal we put
25 forth is an improvement primarily because we

1 do have the camouflage style. It allows for
2 multiple collocators, and it's a town owned
3 parcel. The Town is getting revenue, and the
4 Town is going to be using the facility,
5 something they wouldn't be able to do on the
6 CL&P towers.

7 THE HEARING OFFICER: So it's
8 a case of one stone is killing multiple
9 birds. Okay. I've got your point.

10 MR. BALDWIN: And lastly, with
11 respect to the Bellevue Avenue Eversource,
12 formerly CL&P, substation, and the tower that
13 was identified this afternoon by Mr. Ashton,
14 do you have any additional information about
15 that facility?

16 THE WITNESS (Centore): Yes.
17 We were able to get in touch with Verizon's
18 site acquisition consultant that did approach
19 Northeast Utilities, a gentleman named Steve
20 Florio at Northeast Utilities. He was told
21 that due to safety and security concerns on
22 those facilities that Northeast Utilities
23 would not entertain any other carriers to be
24 located on that tower.

25 That, coupled with my past

1 experience in working on Northeast Utilities
2 communications facilities, when they have
3 towers that are solely used for microwave,
4 they are a critical part of their microwave
5 link through the -- through the Northeast,
6 that they do not permit any other carriers to
7 locate on those.

8 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay.
9 Thank you. That's it, Mr. Baldwin.

10 MR. BALDWIN: I think that's
11 it Mr. Chairman, yes.

12 MR. LYNCH: Mr. Chairman?

13 THE HEARING OFFICER: Mr.
14 Lynch?

15 MR. LYNCH: Can I just ask one
16 question?

17 THE HEARING OFFICER: Sure.

18 MR. LYNCH: Mr. Libertine or
19 Mr. Centore, how feasible is it to swap out
20 the monopine for the silo? Seeing that I'm
21 the only one on the Council that's ever
22 approved a silo, so I know they work.

23 THE WITNESS (Libertine):

24 Yeah. Yeah, from a
25 functionality standpoint, there's no argument

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1 it would work. It really comes down to
2 personal preference. It can be made to work.
3 You're absolutely right, and it could be made
4 to work with collocators that have multiple
5 locations as well as accommodating the Town's
6 equipment as well. It would just have to be
7 designed as such.
8 THE WITNESS (Centore): From
9 a -- from a civil construction aspect, the
10 only difference between the -- the silo and
11 the pole would be the -- the amount of ground
12 space that would be required. The compound
13 would not work at a 50-by-50 compound because
14 you're probably looking at somewhere between
15 18 and 20-foot diameter silo. So ground
16 space would be definitely need to be -- the
17 disruption would be greater, the impact on
18 the site itself. So it would just be a
19 matter of trying to fit it in there.
20 MR. LYNCH: But that's not a
21 big problem, though?
22 THE WITNESS (Centore): No.
23 It's just that it's a different -- it's a
24 different site plan.
25 MR. LYNCH: I understand.

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1 Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr.
2 Chairman.
3 DR. KLEMENS: Mr. Chairman?
4 THE HEARING OFFICER: Dr.
5 Klemens.
6 DR. KLEMENS: You said that it
7 would take a larger footprint for the silo.
8 Would it have to take more of the forest, or
9 could it take more of the field?
10 THE WITNESS (Centore): Well,
11 considering that the constraint with the
12 field was that the -- the agricultural use of
13 that area was to be maintained, I would say
14 that it would be more of the forest in this
15 case.
16 DR. KLEMENS: Okay. Thank
17 you.
18 THE HEARING OFFICER: Anyone?
19 Dan? Okay.
20 Before closing this hearing,
21 the Siting Council announces that briefs and
22 proposed findings of fact may be filed with
23 the Council by any party or intervenor no
24 later than April 9, 2015. The submission and
25 briefs or proposed findings of fact are not

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1 required by the Council, rather we leave it
2 to the choice of the parties and intervenors.
3 Anyone who has not become a
4 party or intervenor, but who desires to make
5 his or her views known to the Council may
6 file written comments or e-mail comments with
7 the Council within 30 days of the date
8 hereof. The Council will issue draft
9 findings of fact, and thereafter parties and
10 intervenors may identify errors or
11 inconsistencies between the Council's draft
12 findings of fact and the record. However, no
13 new information, no new evidence, no argument
14 and no reply briefs without our permission,
15 will be considered by the Council.
16 Copies of the transcript of
17 this hearing will be filed with the
18 Southington Town Clerk's office. I hereby
19 declare this hearing adjourned. Thank you
20 for your participation and drive safely.
21 (Whereupon, the witnesses were
22 excused, and the above proceedings were
23 adjourned at 7:32 p.m.)
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2 I hereby certify that the foregoing 33
3 pages are a complete and accurate
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9 AND PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION,
10 MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF A
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