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1 CHAIRMAN PUZIO: I'd like to call
2 Application 2015-04, PSE&G Warren Point Substation,
3 17-01 Nevins Road, Fair Lawn, New Jersey, Block 4901,
4 Lot 1.

07:27PM 5 MR. KIENZ: Good evening, Mr. Chairman
07:27PM 6 and Board Members. For the record, I am Glenn Kienz
07:27PM 7 from Weiner Lesniak here on behalf of Public Service.

07:27PM 8 The last time I personally was before
07:28PM 9 you, it was literally like The Three Stooges movie
07:28PM 10 where it was a dark and stormy night. I've slowly
07:28PM 11 returned. And we just watched it snow, and snow, and
07:28PM 12 snow. It was March of two years ago. So I just
07:28PM 13 remembering, actually, the month, because that was
07:28PM 14 when we had all that snow coming in. So it's good to
07:28PM 15 see you all again.

07:28PM 16 This is an application that, really, if
07:28PM 17 you looked at it hard and if it was for anything else
07:28PM 18 than what Public Service does, I would call it an
07:28PM 19 amended final state plan approval, because it's kind
07:28PM 20 of tinkering. And most of the work has been
07:28PM 21 complete, we're probably three-quarters of the way
07:28PM 22 there. Although, my expert, Bernadette, could
07:28PM 23 actually tell you the exact stuff.

07:28PM 24 We're doing some fine tuning on the
07:28PM 25 site. And as a result, we've decided to notice for

07:28PM 1 preliminary and final site plan approval, along with
07:28PM 2 the ancillary variance relief, which happens to be a
07:28PM 3 use variance, because we're switching some of the
07:28PM 4 lightning masts around. They're not getting higher
07:29PM 5 than what was approved, because what was approved was
07:29PM 6 at 70 -- we've got to get these numbers right,
07:29PM 7 because all the reports look different. It's
07:29PM 8 71.2 feet. We're moving it around, Bernadette will
07:29PM 9 talk about that.

07:29PM 10 There are a number of other changes
07:29PM 11 that we're making to the site, now that we're so far
07:29PM 12 along. And they would include, I mentioned the
07:29PM 13 lightning mast, we want to put a generator on the
07:29PM 14 site. It sounds crazy in a switchyard -- in a
07:29PM 15 substation, for an electrical utility to need a
07:29PM 16 generator. However, however, we do.

07:29PM 17 And the reason that we do is that when
07:29PM 18 you have a power failure, you need to keep the actual
07:29PM 19 site energized. So we have a stand-alone generator
07:29PM 20 that provides electricity to keep the control
07:29PM 21 apparatus going so that the yard doesn't have a
07:29PM 22 complete failure. So that's why we're asking for the
07:29PM 23 generator.

07:29PM 24 We also have shown some additional bus
07:29PM 25 work, which is, as you remember, and I guess there

07:30PM 1 were only a couple of you that were here. I know you
07:30PM 2 were here, Mr. Seibel, and I know the Chairman was
07:30PM 3 here. But I'm not so sure anybody else heard this on
07:30PM 4 opening night. And I'm not trying to exclude anyone,
07:30PM 5 but I don't recognize any names.

07:30PM 6 We are a public utility. These
07:30PM 7 applications can be brought to the Board of Public
07:30PM 8 Utilities, but in many instances, we'd rather go to
07:30PM 9 the local board to process them because it's a little
07:30PM 10 bit faster. And that way, you at least get to see it
07:30PM 11 within the community and we get to work with you a
07:30PM 12 little bit. So that is the reason that we're here.

07:30PM 13 But our charge is to provide safe,
07:30PM 14 reliable and efficient electricity. So we really are
07:30PM 15 hoping that we can get this thing moving as quickly
07:30PM 16 as possible. We've been at it for about two years in
07:30PM 17 construction, and we're getting down to the fine
07:30PM 18 tunings and just trying to get it all together, so in
07:30PM 19 fact, it can get energized. So in fact, there's
07:30PM 20 energy, not only to this municipality, but to the
07:30PM 21 surrounding areas too.

07:31PM 22 The other items that we're going to --
07:31PM 23 I mentioned the bus work. And there are some
07:31PM 24 enclosures on the site. And then, finally, and last
07:31PM 25 but not least, one of the conditions that was in the

07:31PM 1 original resolution from two years ago was that we
07:31PM 2 had to make sure that we kept doing sound monitoring.
07:31PM 3 We have some different types of equipment, that
07:31PM 4 Bernadette will explain to you as the project
07:31PM 5 manager, but as a result, we are proposing to put a
07:31PM 6 barrier wall on the Glen Rock side of the property.
07:31PM 7 We think that will provide additional buffer. We
07:31PM 8 think it will provide additional benefits. It's in
07:31PM 9 excess -- it's going to cost us or our rate base or
07:31PM 10 our ratepayers, which every one of you are, right,
07:31PM 11 that's the irony of these applications. It's going
07:31PM 12 to cost in excess of a half million dollars to put
07:31PM 13 this up. We just think that it's the right thing to
07:31PM 14 do. However, we need a little help in deciding
07:31PM 15 colors and schemes like that.

07:31PM 16 Before I go on, I just want to state,
07:31PM 17 for the record, under the rule and necessity, I think
07:32PM 18 all of you have to sit on this one, because I think
07:32PM 19 you're all buying electricity from us. Right,
07:32PM 20 counsel?

07:32PM 21 MR. ROSENBERG: Yes, that's correct.

07:32PM 22 MR. KIENZ: So I always try and do
07:32PM 23 that. And the other thing is, we did provide public
07:32PM 24 notice, and I assume that the public notice was found
07:32PM 25 to be in order?

07:32PM 1 MR. ROSENBERG: Yes.

07:32PM 2 MS. PECK: Oh, we didn't do that. Mr.
07:32PM 3 Chairman, hold on.

07:32PM 4 For the record, the fees have been paid
07:32PM 5 and proof of service. Also for the record, the
07:32PM 6 applicant has agreed to proceed with the hearing with
07:32PM 7 six board members, as opposed to the seven, which
07:32PM 8 they're entitled to.

07:32PM 9 MR. KIENZ: We absolutely have and we
07:32PM 10 understood how busy you all were. We were hoping to
07:32PM 11 get on a number of months ago, it just didn't happen.
07:32PM 12 It's nobody's fault. I know you had a couple of big
07:32PM 13 applications, the reason I had talked about it. But
07:32PM 14 we're happy to be here tonight. And actually, we'll
07:32PM 15 be seeing you next week too on the second part of
07:32PM 16 this application.

07:32PM 17 So that having been said, the best
07:32PM 18 thing an attorney can do is shut up and get his first
07:32PM 19 witness sworn in so he can get started.

20 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Can you raise
21 your right hand? And do you swear or affirm that the
22 testimony you're about to give this evening is true
23 and accurate?

24 MS. LAFOND: I do.

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1 B E R N A D E T T E L A F O N D ,
07:33PM 2 Cragwood Road, South Plainfield, New Jersey,
07:33PM 3 having been duly sworn, testifies as follows:
07:33PM 4 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Please state
07:33PM 5 your name and address for the record.
07:33PM 6 MS. LAFOND: Bernadette LaFond. I work
07:33PM 7 at 40 Cragwood Road, South Plainfield, New Jersey
07:33PM 8 07080.
07:33PM 9 DIRECT EXAMINATION
07:33PM 10 BY MR. KIENZ:
07:33PM 11 Q. Bernadette, have you appeared before
07:33PM 12 this Board before?
07:33PM 13 A. I have.
07:33PM 14 Q. What's your position with Public
07:33PM 15 Service?
07:33PM 16 A. I'm a project manager.
07:33PM 17 Q. What does that mean?
07:33PM 18 A. It means I'm essentially overall
07:33PM 19 responsible for this project, as well as a couple
07:33PM 20 others. Everything from schedule, budget,
07:34PM 21 construction and engineering.
07:34PM 22 Q. And you've been a project manager and
07:34PM 23 you're running a number of projects in this area and
07:34PM 24 you've taken over this one because somebody hired
07:34PM 25 you. Is that correct?

07:34PM 1 A. Correct.

07:34PM 2 Q. Not expired you, we hired you?

07:34PM 3 A. Right, hired.

07:34PM 4 Q. And you have appeared before this Board
07:34PM 5 on other occasions as the project manager?

07:34PM 6 A. I have, yes.

07:34PM 7 MR. KIENZ: MR. Chairman, I'm not
07:34PM 8 qualifying her as a licensed professional engineer,
07:34PM 9 because she's not. But she is in charge of the
07:34PM 10 project. I have Gene Rotonda here, who is our
07:34PM 11 licensed professional engineer.

07:34PM 12 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: All right.

07:34PM 13 MR. SEIBEL: Should we qualify him to
07:34PM 14 present him as --

07:34PM 15 MR. ROSENBERG: We can do that
07:34PM 16 separately when they testify --

07:34PM 17 MR. KIENZ: We'll do it anyway. You
07:34PM 18 want me to qualify him too? I'll be happy to.

19 MR. SEIBEL: That's all right. I'm
20 asking the chairman.

21 MR. ROSENBERG: You're going in
22 sequence.

23 BY MR. KIENZ:

07:34PM 24 Q. All right. Bernadette, you heard my
07:34PM 25 opening remarks. Did I do a half good job for an

07:34PM 1 attorney?

07:34PM 2 A. Yes.

07:34PM 3 And like you said, this is additional
07:34PM 4 pieces and things we've identified, advantages to the
07:35PM 5 project, if there were any, the majority are built.
07:35PM 6 I mean there's some things we can either identify
07:35PM 7 during construction or identify, like you said, as an
07:35PM 8 condition of the original approval.

07:35PM 9 Q. Okay, let's walk them around the site
07:35PM 10 and maybe --

07:35PM 11 MR. KIENZ: And is that the best place
07:35PM 12 for the Board, can we bring it back in are we on
07:35PM 13 television tonight?

07:35PM 14 MR. ROSENBERG: No, we're not on
07:35PM 15 television.

07:35PM 16 That's normally where most applicants
07:35PM 17 present, so that the members of public can also see
07:35PM 18 the exhibit.

07:35PM 19 MS. LAFOND: That's fine. All right, I
07:35PM 20 can speak to him from here.

07:35PM 21 MR. KIENZ: All right. You're going to
07:35PM 22 have to keep your voice up, so that court
07:35PM 23 stenographer can actually hear you.

07:35PM 24 BY MR. KIENZ:

07:35PM 25 Q. Now, this plan that we're looking at,

07:35PM 1 is that what has been submitted as part of the
07:35PM 2 application package?

07:35PM 3 A. It is.

07:35PM 4 Q. So it's identical?

07:35PM 5 MR. KIENZ: Counsel, do you want to
07:35PM 6 mark that?

07:35PM 7 MR. ROSENBERG: I would like to mark it
07:35PM 8 for the record as Exhibit A-1.

07:35PM 9 (Whereupon, Site Plan of PSE&G Fair
07:35PM 10 Lawn Substation, Block 49-01, Lot 1, 17-01
07:35PM 11 Nevins Road, is marked as Exhibit A-1 for
07:35PM 12 identification)

07:35PM 13 MR. KIENZ: We've marked as A-1 what's
07:35PM 14 entitled, Site Plan of PSE&G Fair Lawn substation,
07:36PM 15 Block 49-01 Lot 1, 17-01 Nevins Road. And it has a
07:36PM 16 date on it of January 10th, 2013, with a last
07:36PM 17 revision date on it of 4/20/15.

07:36PM 18 BY MR. KIENZ:

07:36PM 19 Q. All right, Bernadette, why don't you
07:36PM 20 start by explaining either what the colors are or
07:36PM 21 however we're going to do it.

07:36PM 22 A. Sure, I'll explain.

07:36PM 23 First of all, the blue is what was
07:36PM 24 previously approved on this prior site plan approval,
07:36PM 25 so those are all the existing approvals.

07:36PM 1 And then I'll start with some of the
07:36PM 2 additions or modification that we put in it.

07:36PM 3 As Glenn said, we're proposing a
07:36PM 4 generator.

07:36PM 5 Q. All right. Where are you pointing on
07:36PM 6 it, because we can't tell where you're pointing.
07:36PM 7 Just give me the -- it's about 3:30 in the afternoon
07:36PM 8 on the plans, the first red box around 3:30, 4:00?

07:36PM 9 A. Correct.

07:36PM 10 Q. Okay. And what is that?

07:36PM 11 A. It's labeled as gas generator. It's an
07:36PM 12 emergency gas generator. It would only operate, you
07:37PM 13 know, during maintenance, as-needed, or should there
07:37PM 14 be a loss of power to the station, itself.

07:37PM 15 As was stated, this would power the
07:37PM 16 controls and the other equipment inside of the
07:37PM 17 station, that would allow it to actually to put the
07:37PM 18 station back into service. And it is simply that is
07:37PM 19 an emergency generator. It's not for constant
07:37PM 20 operation.

07:37PM 21 In and around the emergency generator,
07:37PM 22 you'll see some other foundations right above it. As
07:37PM 23 well as on the opposite side of what's called the
07:37PM 24 control house, there's two small transformer pads.
07:37PM 25 Those are small transformers that support the gas

07:37PM 1 generator and that would support the station link
07:37PM 2 power to the station.

07:37PM 3 If you move clockwise around the site
07:37PM 4 (indicating), you'll see some small, very small
07:37PM 5 foundations. Those two, all the way down at the
07:37PM 6 bottom, are also -- that's where we lock the
07:37PM 7 connection to the existing electric into this
07:37PM 8 existing bus work, and then it would travel
07:37PM 9 underground and supply the --

07:37PM 10 Q. All right. Not every member of the
07:38PM 11 board was here and not everybody understands why we
07:38PM 12 need buses. This is a different kind of bus than
07:38PM 13 people take to work. Right?

07:38PM 14 A. Right. The bus is generally aluminum,
07:38PM 15 it's what you see when you drive past any station,
07:38PM 16 all the metal you see in the air. And then what it
07:38PM 17 does is, it connects -- it's sort of a very high
07:38PM 18 voltage plug. So it's the same as what you'd have in
07:38PM 19 a cable that plugs in electricity. It's just much
07:38PM 20 higher voltage, so it requires a bigger piece of
07:38PM 21 metal and a different sort of space.

07:38PM 22 And this is where it would tap into
07:38PM 23 that, we would connect it into here and it would
07:38PM 24 power into the station line power.

07:38PM 25 Also as you move up, there's two small

07:38PM 1 boxes on either side of the big blue building, the
07:38PM 2 GIS building, those are part of the draining system.

07:38PM 3 If we come back right straight into the
07:38PM 4 middle (indicating), so we get on the side, here's
07:38PM 5 another, smaller foundation. Those too would be --
07:38PM 6 there's two places we'll tap into the existing system
07:38PM 7 to make sure we have redundancy. We always have two
07:39PM 8 sources to make sure, should one fail, we always have
07:39PM 9 a second.

07:39PM 10 So one connection for these
07:39PM 11 transformers is over here, and one connection is down
07:39PM 12 here (indicating).

07:39PM 13 Q. By over here, you meant kind of near
07:39PM 14 the blue building at the center --

07:39PM 15 A. Right, near the middle.

07:39PM 16 Q. -- in the center of my clock?

07:39PM 17 A. Correct.

07:39PM 18 Q. And where is the other one?

07:39PM 19 A. Down in the very bottom (indicating).

07:39PM 20 Q. And that would be around 6:30, 7:00 on
07:39PM 21 the clock, right?

07:39PM 22 A. Correct.

07:39PM 23 Q. Okay.

07:39PM 24 A. But staying back, right in the middle,
07:39PM 25 you'll see there's lightning mast number two. I

07:39PM 1 don't know if I have to explain that, the first of
07:39PM 2 the lightning masts that I explained, they'll be a
07:39PM 3 total of six proposed on this plan. And this is,
07:39PM 4 lightning masts number two is actually the shortest
07:39PM 5 at 40 feet.

07:39PM 6 But as we continue up here, up around
07:39PM 7 the top, we'll come across this middle stretch
07:39PM 8 (indicating). This is what we call our 138-kV.
07:39PM 9 Obviously it's 138,000 volts. You'll see there's
07:39PM 10 some blue and then intermixed there's some red that
07:39PM 11 we're proposing in the mix as well.

07:40PM 12 This has been in existence since 19 --
07:40PM 13 before the 1940s when the station was first put into
07:40PM 14 service. And it actually does, although there is red
07:40PM 15 here with nothing showing, there is additional bus
07:40PM 16 work here (indicating). During the previous
07:40PM 17 approval, we knew we had to tie into it. So in the
07:40PM 18 1940s, they had certain safety standards. And this
07:40PM 19 bus that is the height that it was installed, it met
07:40PM 20 those safety standards. We had a fence around it,
07:40PM 21 the safety standards changed, we put in the fence so
07:40PM 22 the height wasn't an issue, people couldn't actually,
07:40PM 23 you know, drive their truck into it. It's been
07:40PM 24 changed to a new safety standard.

07:40PM 25 What we did as part of the additional

07:40PM 1 work is, there's also a standard that if you have to
07:40PM 2 touch it, you have to raise it to whatever the
07:40PM 3 present standards are. So we did that for the pieces
07:40PM 4 we touched previously.

07:40PM 5 But in doing that, we realized that,
07:40PM 6 hey, if we're going to do an upgrade to the station,
07:40PM 7 we're going to make it safer and we're going to make
07:40PM 8 it more reliable. Let's not just do little pieces,
07:40PM 9 let's go back and fix the entire thing, make it in
07:41PM 10 line with all the codes to present. Not that it
07:41PM 11 wasn't safe before, but if we're going to do it, we
07:41PM 12 might as well do it all and do it all the way. So we
07:41PM 13 don't -- it's not a piece of equipment that was
07:41PM 14 partially installed in the 1940s and partially
07:41PM 15 installed in 2014/2015. It's a fully new piece of
07:41PM 16 equipment, it's going to last that much longer from
07:41PM 17 here on out. So that's what the extension of all is
07:41PM 18 showing.

07:41PM 19 What we've also done to increase
07:41PM 20 reliability is not just replace it, but what we had
07:41PM 21 additionally planed on this plan, is we're actually
07:41PM 22 tying a piece that goes around and connects the whole
07:41PM 23 thing. And what that does, it increases the
07:41PM 24 reliability of the station where, if something
07:41PM 25 happens to the metal piece, the back two pieces

07:41PM 1 tighten, whereas in the past, if something happened
07:41PM 2 to a metal piece, it separated it and everything
07:41PM 3 wasn't backing each other up.

07:41PM 4 So in order of reliability, since we
07:41PM 5 were touching this equipment, we decided, like I
07:41PM 6 said, to go ahead and upgrade the whole thing.

07:41PM 7 When this plan was submitted, we
07:41PM 8 proposed it was all underground. There is a
07:42PM 9 possibility that we might have to use a similar,
07:42PM 10 smaller foundation out in the front here and do it
07:42PM 11 above grade (indicating). If we did that, it would
07:42PM 12 just possibly mimic what's already there, and just be
07:42PM 13 a parallel.

07:42PM 14 And then as we go into the back, into
07:42PM 15 the top portion of the station, further into the
07:42PM 16 138-kV yard. You'll see that we had previously had
07:42PM 17 approval for a lightning rod in the back at 71 feet.
07:42PM 18 What we're actually doing is we are not going to
07:42PM 19 install those. When we reevaluated the station we
07:42PM 20 redid it, you know, we looked at what we installing
07:42PM 21 or what was new versus anything and everything that
07:42PM 22 was there, and we really took a hard look at how do
07:42PM 23 we most improve the safety and reliability of the
07:42PM 24 station. We realized that if we moved these things
07:42PM 25 off, we get better protection of the new equipment.

07:42PM 1 Instead of just replacing the old with something a
07:42PM 2 little bit higher, if we move them back, we get a
07:42PM 3 better overall security and protection from a
07:42PM 4 lightning strike. And that's why you'll see it does
07:42PM 5 look like there's a bunch more lightning rods, but
07:43PM 6 they really are a replacement for the same type of
07:43PM 7 protection of the facility. And the only other --

07:43PM 8 Q. So what's the total number of
07:43PM 9 lightning --

07:43PM 10 A. There are a total number are six
07:43PM 11 lightning masts that are proposed on the revised
07:43PM 12 plan. There are a total number of four lightning
07:43PM 13 rods, which the difference is, a lightning mast is
07:43PM 14 its own free-standing piece. It should be a straight
07:43PM 15 rod up in the air stuck in the ground, whereas a
07:43PM 16 lightning rod is generally something that's attached
07:43PM 17 to the steel, itself, so it's not freestanding.

07:43PM 18 Q. And they don't attract lightning, it's
07:43PM 19 going to just protect the station --

07:43PM 20 A. Right. They don't attract lightning,
07:43PM 21 but what it does, if, in the off-chance that
07:43PM 22 lightning was going to strike this site, it would
07:43PM 23 strike the mast first, and that's all it does.
07:43PM 24 There's a whole calculation, it circles and falls.
07:43PM 25 But what it really does is it just says that, if

07:43PM 1 lightning was going to strike anyone on this site, we
07:43PM 2 have something positioned so it would strike that
07:43PM 3 thing first.

07:44PM 4 So instead of striking the equipment,
07:44PM 5 it would strike the mast and go into what we have in
07:44PM 6 the ground grid, that would distribute those surges
07:44PM 7 safely.

07:44PM 8 Q. What else do we have?

07:44PM 9 A. We have -- the one thing to note with
07:44PM 10 this modification, we plan to remove what we have
07:44PM 11 here is a storage shed, that would be removed in full
07:44PM 12 (indicating).

07:44PM 13 And then the last thing we have is
07:44PM 14 we're proposing a sound wall on the north side of the
07:44PM 15 station (indicating). And then if you have, as it
07:44PM 16 was addressed in the comments, we have some pamphlets
07:44PM 17 from the vendor. And we haven't yet actually decided
07:44PM 18 on the color of the wall, so if there's input
07:44PM 19 required, that's still an availability.

07:44PM 20 Q. So we're putting that wall in, why did
07:44PM 21 we decide to do that?

07:44PM 22 A. What we did is, we went back and we
07:44PM 23 evaluated, with the addition of the generator, and
07:44PM 24 with the other stuff that's being added to the site,
07:45PM 25 we went back and we reevaluated the overall sound

07:45PM 1 impacts of the site to any of the outside adjoining
07:45PM 2 areas, and we did a reevaluation, we did a remodeling
07:45PM 3 of the entire site, all noises, all sounds and it's
07:45PM 4 just -- in order to ensure that even moving forward
07:45PM 5 from here, we would be in compliance with any noise
07:45PM 6 ordinances, we decided that was determined that's the
07:45PM 7 best way to move forward.

07:45PM 8 Q. Do you have any other testimony?

07:45PM 9 A. No, that's all.

07:45PM 10 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: So I guess one
07:45PM 11 of the first questions I have is, at this point in
07:45PM 12 time, you haven't determined what the sound wall
07:45PM 13 would be made of?

07:45PM 14 MS. LAFOND: We have the material. It
07:45PM 15 comes in a number of colors and different things.
07:45PM 16 And we just hadn't ordered it, in case there was any
07:45PM 17 input from the town.

07:45PM 18 And then once we got the input of the
07:45PM 19 coloring, you know, then we would move forward with
07:46PM 20 it. But, yes, we have determined it.

07:46PM 21 MR. KIENZ: We have two copies that we
07:46PM 22 could pass around, if you want.

07:46PM 23 MR. ROSENBERG: A-2 are those two
07:46PM 24 sheets, Mr. Kienz?

07:46PM 25 MR. KIENZ: No, sir, it would be three

07:46PM 1 sheets.

07:46PM 2 MR. ROSENBERG: So A-2 consists of
07:46PM 3 three sheets?

07:46PM 4 MR. KIENZ: Yes. And maybe we could
07:46PM 5 start one at one end and one at the other.

07:46PM 6 (Whereupon, Sheets of Sound Attenuation
07:46PM 7 Materials are marked as Exhibit A-2 for
07:46PM 8 Identification.)

07:46PM 9 MS. LAFOND: This is a sound
07:46PM 10 attenuation material (indicating).

07:46PM 11 MR. KIENZ: And we could see on the
07:46PM 12 cover, it shows what? The first sheet shows what?

07:46PM 13 MS. LAFOND: I believe the first sheet
07:46PM 14 shows -- they're all pictures of installed
07:46PM 15 applications, some are green, some are gray, some
07:46PM 16 show even a mixed pattern, sort of like a landscape
07:46PM 17 with different options.

07:46PM 18 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: And according
07:46PM 19 to the plan, that wall will be 16 and-a-half feet
07:46PM 20 high?

07:47PM 21 MS. LAFOND: It will be, yes.

07:47PM 22 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Just so
07:47PM 23 everybody knows exactly what's going on, the wall is
07:47PM 24 16 and-a-half feet tall.

07:47PM 25 I guess the only other question I had

07:47PM 1 was the generator, you mentioned maintenance, is it
07:47PM 2 set up to run weekly, just to make sure that it's in
07:47PM 3 working condition or what does that entail?

07:47PM 4 MS. LAFOND: It's actually, I believe,
07:47PM 5 set up monthly, that requires monthly maintenance.
07:47PM 6 And it's a few hours and it would be done, obviously,
07:47PM 7 during the business day.

07:47PM 8 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: So Monday to
07:47PM 9 Friday, between 8:00 and 5:00?

07:47PM 10 MS. LAFOND: Or 7:00 to 3:00, but yes,
07:47PM 11 it is --

07:47PM 12 MR. KIENZ: We can even get narrower
07:47PM 13 than that. In some municipalities, they ask that we
07:47PM 14 only test them between 10:00 and 2:00, because that's
07:47PM 15 when people would be least disturbed. In fact, if
07:47PM 16 you want to impose that as a condition, we certainly
07:47PM 17 could live with that.

07:47PM 18 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Okay.
07:47PM 19 Any more questions from the Board?

07:47PM 20 MR. ROSENBERG: Mr. Chairman, can this
07:47PM 21 be given to the public, so that they can see an
07:48PM 22 exhibit?

07:48PM 23 MR. KIENZ: Yeah, we'd be happy to --

07:48PM 24 MR. ROSENBERG: If you have an exhibit
07:48PM 25 they can see --

07:48PM 1 MR. KIENZ: Why don't you move on to
07:48PM 2 the one that I actually marked and that way we won't
07:48PM 3 get lost.

07:48PM 4 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: This one is
07:48PM 5 A-2.

07:48PM 6 Yes, I'll open it up to questions from
07:48PM 7 the Board.

07:48PM 8 MR. SEIBEL: I have a question,
07:48PM 9 Mr. Chairmen.

07:48PM 10 Will we have somebody testifying about
07:48PM 11 the sound wall and the sound --

07:48PM 12 MR. KIENZ: Well, you have a report
07:48PM 13 that did a little modeling. I have somebody here
07:48PM 14 that could, but I wasn't intending to put them up,
07:48PM 15 because you have the report and the report indicates
07:48PM 16 that it will be in compliance with state standards.

07:48PM 17 MR. SEIBEL: Okay.

07:48PM 18 MR. KIENZ: But if, in fact, you think
07:48PM 19 that's needed, sir, we're happy to bring him up.

07:48PM 20 MR. SEIBEL: All right. Well, I was
07:48PM 21 just wondering.

07:48PM 22 Also, so now the wall was not proposed
07:48PM 23 the last time. Correct?

07:48PM 24 THE WITNESS: Correct.

07:48PM 25 MR. SEIBEL: There was landscaping that

07:48PM 1 was proposed?

07:48PM 2 MR. KIENZ: I think it would be better
07:48PM 3 to have Mr. Rotonda answer that.

07:49PM 4 But my suggestion is that maybe we just
07:49PM 5 have him sworn in, so if you jump over, it will keep
07:49PM 6 the flow going. I think it might be easier. If
07:49PM 7 that's all right? It's up to you, Mr. Chairman.

8 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Yes.

9 Mr. Rotonda, can you raise your right
10 hand? And do you swear or affirm that the testimony
11 you're about to give this evening is true and
12 accurate?

13 MR. ROTONDA: Yes.

14 G E N E R O T O N D A,

15 4000 Hadley Road, South Plainfield, New Jersey,
07:49PM 16 having been duly sworn, testifies as follows:

07:49PM 17 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Please state
07:49PM 18 your name and address, for the record.

07:49PM 19 MR. ROTONDA: Gene Rotonda, 4000 Hadley
07:49PM 20 Road, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

07:49PM 21 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: And you
07:49PM 22 are testifying as?

07:49PM 23 MR. ROTONDA: Professional planner and
07:49PM 24 professional engineer.

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DIRECT EXAMINATION

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BY MR. KIENZ:

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Q. Mr. Rotonda, you have been accepted as

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a licensed professional engineer and planner in the

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State of New Jersey by this Board on previous

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occasions, have you not?

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A. I have.

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Q. And your licenses are valid as of

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tonight?

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A. Yes.

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MR. KIENZ: I can do more if you want,

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but he has appeared a number of times.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: He has appeared

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in front of this board.

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MR. ROSENBERG: He was here last time,

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Mr. Kienz.

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Q. Did you hear the question, Gene?

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A. Yes.

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The previous application proposed a

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mesh -- essentially slats in the fence that were,

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they were called evergreen tree slates. They look

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like evergreens, but they're synthetic. The main

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reason was that there are some evergreens in a

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portion to the station, but there are some -- the

07:50PM 1 restriction, basically, is for height and planting
07:50PM 2 within that gas easement along the rear property
07:50PM 3 line.

07:50PM 4 So, you know, we proposed at that time,
07:50PM 5 for evergreen slats to try to buffer the fence,
07:50PM 6 itself. There was a concern by our landscape
07:50PM 7 architect that if you go out and walk out there, the
07:50PM 8 trees don't really do that well where they are. And
07:50PM 9 even if you could plant something, it wouldn't be
07:50PM 10 that sustainable. But we are prohibited, so we had
07:50PM 11 slats at that point. There was no landscape planting
07:50PM 12 proposed at that point in time.

07:51PM 13 MR. SEIBEL: So because of the Transco
07:51PM 14 pipeline, you can't put the landscaping in there.
07:51PM 15 Correct?

07:51PM 16 THE WITNESS: Yeah. There are actually
07:51PM 17 some trees that grew there. That have, you know --
07:51PM 18 typically, I guess, Transco has not really maintained
07:51PM 19 them.

07:51PM 20 MR. SEIBEL: It's pretty lush back
07:51PM 21 there.

07:51PM 22 MR. ROTONDA: It's pretty dense. But
07:51PM 23 there's also -- also there's plantings along the,
07:51PM 24 basically, along the residential property lines,
07:51PM 25 there are some gaps in those. But the gas easement

07:51PM 1 goes right up to the property line, you know, you
07:51PM 2 could put shrubs and things and, you know, maybe, you
07:51PM 3 know, that sound wall, basically, the height of it,
07:51PM 4 is basically potentially the height of the trees that
07:51PM 5 are there now, 16 and-a-half feet.

07:51PM 6 So it's going to be a more solid visual
07:51PM 7 buffer compared to the trees now. And it actually
07:51PM 8 extends about 380 feet deep to the areas where we go
07:51PM 9 and there's slats are. There was an eight-foot fence
07:51PM 10 previously.

07:51PM 11 MR. SEIBEL: So in your estimation, it
07:51PM 12 will be more effective at buffering it?

07:52PM 13 THE WITNESS: Much more effective.
07:52PM 14 It's going to be, essentially, twice the height
07:52PM 15 throughout the length of about 380 feet along that
07:52PM 16 property line.

07:52PM 17 It basically covers all the houses,
07:52PM 18 particularly the houses that look into the station,
07:52PM 19 you know, straight in. But it looks from Lot 4, you
07:52PM 20 stood about 39 feet from the property line on the
07:52PM 21 east end, and it goes all the way down to Lot 1 on
07:52PM 22 the west side of Brook Field.

07:52PM 23 So if you look at that red wall, it's
07:52PM 24 basically, the whole span of the property.

07:52PM 25 MR. SEIBEL: Is there a reason why you

07:52PM 1 can't go that 39 and-a-half feet?

07:52PM 2 THE WITNESS: It was in there,
07:52PM 3 basically, because that's where the sound study
07:52PM 4 indicated that that would -- that achieved the goal
07:52PM 5 of protecting all the homes. Physically, I don't
07:52PM 6 think there any reason why it couldn't be.

07:52PM 7 Then if we go closer to the side yard,
07:52PM 8 beyond the 27.1 feet, the side yard setback would be
07:53PM 9 approached more proximately. But, physically, I
07:53PM 10 don't believe there's a reason why.

07:53PM 11 MR. SEIBEL: And then Transco --
07:53PM 12 Transco came after you guys?

07:53PM 13 THE WITNESS: I really don't know how
07:53PM 14 long they've been there. I would assume they've been
07:53PM 15 there as long as the station. It's actually a pretty
07:53PM 16 large gas line, it's not shown on the plans.

07:53PM 17 MR. SEIBEL: It doesn't give you guys
07:53PM 18 any -- you're not taking gas into the site?

07:53PM 19 MS. LAFOND: No, we don't connect to
07:53PM 20 that gas.

07:53PM 21 THE WITNESS: There's a metering take
07:53PM 22 out there we're not connected --

07:53PM 23 MR. KIENZ: The answer is no. The
07:53PM 24 answer is no.

07:53PM 25 MR. SEIBEL: With regard to the

07:53PM 1 lightning mast, do you get a lot of lightning hits,
07:53PM 2 lightning strikes?

07:53PM 3 MS. LAFOND: We do not.

07:53PM 4 MR. SEIBEL: You don't, okay? But if
07:53PM 5 you did, it could create a problem?

07:53PM 6 MRS. LAFOND: But, it can, and there's
07:53PM 7 regions -- and there's different regions of them,
07:53PM 8 probably different kinds of -- but this region is a
07:53PM 9 high -- considered a high probability of lightning
07:53PM 10 that it's worth the investment to install the masts.

07:53PM 11 MR. KIENZ: I think, actually,
07:53PM 12 Bernadette, on the sites, we will install in
07:53PM 13 virtually every upgraded station that we're doing?

07:54PM 14 MRS. LAFOND: That PS does, correct.

07:54PM 15 MR. SEIBEL: And how many households or
07:54PM 16 what's the population that this unit services?

07:54PM 17 MRS. LAFOND: This unit doesn't --
07:54PM 18 well, it does, in a small case working with that --
07:54PM 19 actually, this station, itself, services multiple
07:54PM 20 other stations that actually have more depth. So
07:54PM 21 this services, I believe nine other stations. And
07:54PM 22 generally, each of those stations serves over 3,000
07:54PM 23 people each.

07:54PM 24 So this is a switching station, it's
07:54PM 25 not a typical small station. This is a very critical

07:54PM 1 station. It's actually the source stations for quite
07:54PM 2 a number of stations in the area.

07:54PM 3 MR. SEIBEL: So this goes out, nine
07:54PM 4 other station are going to go out?

07:54PM 5 MRS. LAFOND: This goes out, a fair
07:54PM 6 amount of Bergen County goes out.

07:54PM 7 MR. SEIBEL: And for, Mr. Rosenberg,
07:54PM 8 why is this not considered something that's
07:55PM 9 inherently beneficial?

07:55PM 10 MR. ROSENBERG: Oh, I think it is.

07:55PM 11 MR. SEIBEL: Okay.

07:55PM 12 MR. ROSENBERG: Yes, I --

07:55PM 13 MR. SEIBEL: I haven't heard that.

07:55PM 14 MR. ROSENBERG: Yes. No, I think the
07:55PM 15 reason is because remember, Mr. Seibel, the only
07:55PM 16 reason they're here is because they need a height
07:55PM 17 variance. That's a (d)(6). It's not a (d)(1). The
07:55PM 18 use is allowed.

07:55PM 19 The sole reason they're here is because
07:55PM 20 of the fact that they are here for the height for the
07:55PM 21 lightning masts and the lightning rods, and that's
07:55PM 22 the reason why they really don't need to meet that
07:55PM 23 burden of a (d) use variance that the zoning board is
07:55PM 24 familiar with, although my recollection is --

07:55PM 25 MR. KIENZ: We already made that.

07:55PM 1 MR. ROSENBERG: -- that I think you
07:55PM 2 mentioned it in 2013 --

07:55PM 3 MR. KIENZ: We already made that proof
07:55PM 4 two years ago.

07:55PM 5 MR. ROSENBERG: Yes, you had made that
07:55PM 6 proof.

07:55PM 7 MR. KIENZ: Yeah. It's been a long
07:55PM 8 time.

07:55PM 9 As I said, it was a cold and stormy
07:55PM 10 night.

07:55PM 11 MR. ROSENBERG: But you're right, it is
07:55PM 12 inherently beneficial, Mr. Seibel.

07:55PM 13 MR. SEIBEL: I think that's all I have
07:55PM 14 for now. Thanks.

07:55PM 15 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Any more
07:56PM 16 questions from the Board?

07:56PM 17 MS. PECK: Microphone.

07:56PM 18 MR. RACENSTEIN: On the soundproof
07:56PM 19 wall, what's the thickness of the wall, the thickness
07:56PM 20 of it? Because I know soundproof has a certain
07:56PM 21 amount of thickness.

07:56PM 22 MRS. LAFOND: It's a special material.
07:56PM 23 It's a sound attenuation material.

07:56PM 24 MR. KIENZ: The exhibit is up there.

07:56PM 25 MRS. LAFOND: It's six inches.

07:56PM 1 MR. RACENSTEIN: It's six inches --

07:56PM 2 MRS. LAFOND: Yes.

07:56PM 3 MR. RACENSTEIN: -- of the material?

07:56PM 4 And what material is that?

07:56PM 5 MR. KIENZ: Mr. Chairman, with that

07:56PM 6 question, I think I have somebody else who can answer

07:57PM 7 this very directly and very quickly. Do you want him

07:57PM 8 sworn in too?

07:57PM 9 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Yes, you can

07:57PM 10 swear him in.

07:57PM 11 MR. KIENZ: I will stand and you can

07:57PM 12 sit we're going to get you sworn in before you sit,

07:57PM 13 though.

07:57PM 14 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Can you raise

15 your right hand? And do you swear or affirm that the

16 testimony you're about to give this evening is true

17 and accurate?

18 MR. AUGUSTINE: Yes.

19 J A R E D A U G U S T I N E,

07:57PM 20 9400 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri,

07:57PM 21 having been duly sworn, testifies as follows:

07:57PM 22 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: State your

07:57PM 23 name and address, for the record.

07:57PM 24 MR. AUGUSTINE: Jared Augustine, 9400

07:57PM 25 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri.

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DIRECT EXAMINATION

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BY MR. KIENZ:

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Q. I don't think you've appeared before

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this Board before. Could you tell us the name of

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your firm?

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A. Burns McDonnell.

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Q. What's your position with them?

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A. I'm a professional engineer.

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Q. What's your license background? Are

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you licensed in the State of New Jersey?

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A. I am licensed in the State of New

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Jersey. New Jersey and Kansas.

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Q. And what's your educational background?

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A. I have a bachelor's degree from Iowa

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State University in civil engineering.

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Q. And you said you're a licensed

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professional engineer in the State of New Jersey and

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your license is valid as of tonight?

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A. Correct.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Any objections

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from the Board?

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(NO RESPONSE.)

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Q. Are you familiar with the site?

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A. I am.

07:58PM 1 Q. Okay. And you've actually worked on
07:58PM 2 some of the design of the site. Is that correct?

07:58PM 3 A. Yes, sir.

07:58PM 4 Q. And you're also somewhat familiar with
07:58PM 5 the sound attenuation wall?

07:58PM 6 A. Yes, correct.

07:58PM 7 Q. I think the question was, how thick is
07:58PM 8 it?

07:58PM 9 A. It's about six inches thick.

07:58PM 10 Q. And I think the second question was,
07:58PM 11 what material is it?

07:58PM 12 MR. RACENSTEIN: The composition, the
07:58PM 13 composition of the material?

07:58PM 14 THE WITNESS: The composition. It's
07:58PM 15 actually a proprietary composition that --

07:58PM 16 Q. So you're not going to tell him?

07:58PM 17 A. Well, I don't actually have the true
07:58PM 18 composition with it, but what it is it's a
07:58PM 19 sound-absorbing -- it's a lightweight material.

07:58PM 20 MRS. LAFOND: It's a composite.

07:58PM 21 THE WITNESS: Yeah, it's essentially a
07:58PM 22 composite. I don't actually have the physical
07:58PM 23 characteristics of what that material actually is,
07:59PM 24 because it's a proprietary sole designer.

07:59PM 25 MR. RACENSTEIN: Will you be able to

07:59PM 1 find out what the composition is? Because as
07:59PM 2 professionals, you know, we would like to know.

07:59PM 3 MR. ROSENBERG: Mr. Racenstein, if I
07:59PM 4 may.

07:59PM 5 MR. RACENSTEIN: Yes.

07:59PM 6 MR. ROSENBERG: What the witness is
07:59PM 7 saying is that the material is proprietary under
07:59PM 8 trade secret law.

07:59PM 9 MR. RACENSTEIN: Oh.

07:59PM 10 MR. ROSENBERG: And what he's saying is
07:59PM 11 that, he really is not able to disclose, in a public
07:59PM 12 forum, the nature of the sound attenuation material.

07:59PM 13 You certainly can ask him, and I'm sure
07:59PM 14 that he can testify about its sound attenuation
07:59PM 15 characteristics --

07:59PM 16 MR. RACENSTEIN: Right.

07:59PM 17 MR. ROSENBERG: -- that would hopefully
07:59PM 18 satisfy you on the question of how it does what it's
07:59PM 19 supposed to do.

07:59PM 20 Is that correct, Mr. Kienz, he
07:59PM 21 certainly could do that?

07:59PM 22 MR. KIENZ: If he can't, I have another
07:59PM 23 witness who certainly could.

07:59PM 24 MR. ROSENBERG: Okay.

07:59PM 25 MR. KIENZ: I have a bevy of beauties

07:59PM 1 here.

07:59PM 2 MR. ROSENBERG: Okay.

07:59PM 3 MR. RACENSTEIN: Thank you.

07:59PM 4 MR. ROSENBERG: But I think that's the
07:59PM 5 line of questioning that I hope the witness could
07:59PM 6 respond to or another witness could respond to.

07:59PM 7 THE WITNESS: Correct. And we can
07:59PM 8 probably get -- they do have specifications, but it
08:00PM 9 doesn't tell you the actual --

08:00PM 10 Q. Okay. But let's describe it at least.
08:00PM 11 Is it heavy? Is it light? Does it look like wood?
08:00PM 12 Does it feel like plastic? I think that's where the
08:00PM 13 Board Member's going.

08:00PM 14 A. Yeah, it's a very lightweight material.
08:00PM 15 They actually -- people can actually physically
08:00PM 16 install it themselves by setting in these panels that
08:00PM 17 actually go into it. So it's a very lightweight
08:00PM 18 material.

08:00PM 19 And as for what the physical
08:00PM 20 characteristic is looking like, it's going to look
08:00PM 21 somewhat similar to a -- well, if you look at
08:00PM 22 there -- it kind of looks kind of sort of metal-ish,
08:00PM 23 is what you're going to kind of see.

08:00PM 24 MR. RACENSTEIN: Thank you.

08:00PM 25 I have another question, the lightning

08:00PM 1 rods, you said 71 and-a-half feet?

08:00PM 2 MR. KIENZ: Actually, it was 71.2.

08:00PM 3 MR. RACENSTEIN: So 71.2, in layman's
08:00PM 4 language, 71.2 feet, how many stories, like an
08:01PM 5 apartment house or an office building, how many
08:01PM 6 stories would that be?

08:01PM 7 MR. KIENZ: Gene?

08:01PM 8 MR. ROTONDA: It's probably about a
08:01PM 9 six-story, seven-story building.

08:01PM 10 MR. RACENSTEIN: Six or seven stories.
08:01PM 11 Thank you.

08:01PM 12 MR. NAVEH: Mr. Chairman, regarding, I
08:01PM 13 guess, the materials we discussed in the wall, is it
08:01PM 14 environmentally safe? Has it been used in other
08:01PM 15 situations, other towns and other communities?

08:01PM 16 MR. AUGUSTINE: Yes. This is -- PSE&G
08:01PM 17 actually has this as a standard that they use for
08:01PM 18 their sound wall applications for the majority of
08:01PM 19 this type of application.

08:01PM 20 MR. NAVEH: So there's no environmental
08:01PM 21 issues --

08:01PM 22 THE WITNESS: No.

08:01PM 23 MR. NAVEH: -- with this material?

08:01PM 24 THE WITNESS: This is typical. They
08:01PM 25 use this on a lot of highways and interstate sound

08:01PM 1 wall protection as well.

08:02PM 2 MR. NAVEH: The only reason why I raise
08:02PM 3 that question is, it's going to be so close to
08:02PM 4 neighboring homes, that if pieces break off or I
08:02PM 5 don't know if it has that capability. Is that going
08:02PM 6 to be a danger to anybody or --

08:02PM 7 MR. AUGUSTINE: Are you talking like if
08:02PM 8 an object were to strike that? I mean --

08:02PM 9 MR. NAVEH: I'm just curious if it --

08:02PM 10 MR. AUGUSTINE: The typical weather,
08:02PM 11 day-to-day operations, you would not see some sort of
08:02PM 12 sprawling or anything like that that would fall off.
08:02PM 13 You wouldn't have pieces flying around, no.

08:02PM 14 MR. NAVEH: Okay. I have one question
08:02PM 15 about the gas generator, was there one already on the
08:02PM 16 site before or is this a new addition to the site?

08:02PM 17 MRS. LAFOND: It's a new addition to
08:02PM 18 the site.

08:02PM 19 MR. NAVEH: So there was no backup
08:02PM 20 generator for use for this area of the site before?

08:02PM 21 MRS. LAFOND: Correct. But what PSE&G
08:02PM 22 has sort of metric or a way of estimating whether or
08:02PM 23 not it's of their value to instal a gas generator or
08:02PM 24 emergency generator, and with the installation of the
08:03PM 25 69 kV GIS house, this station serves that many more

08:03PM 1 customers and that many more stations. That is, it's
08:03PM 2 calculated to be that much more of a risk, that if
08:03PM 3 something were to happen and it didn't have an
08:03PM 4 emergency generator, it would cause that much more
08:03PM 5 damage or that much time to reinstall the power.

08:03PM 6 MR. NAVEH: And the location of the
08:03PM 7 generator, did you pick that specific location on the
08:03PM 8 site for a reason or is it just where it fit into the
08:03PM 9 whole area?

08:03PM 10 MRS. LAFOND: It's picked because --
08:03PM 11 well, obviously, because it fits and because it's
08:03PM 12 closer to the control house, which is where the
08:03PM 13 majority of the controls are. They're -- half the
08:03PM 14 controls are computers that monitor the equipment or
08:03PM 15 send an alarm signal, half are enclosed in that
08:03PM 16 control house and it's expansion. So that's the
08:03PM 17 yellow building with a blue square next to it.

08:03PM 18 The other half are, you know, the GIS
08:03PM 19 building itself. And also, it was -- actually the
08:03PM 20 generator itself is within the enclosed -- it's in an
08:04PM 21 enclosure, so that gave it even more sound
08:04PM 22 conservative -- we wanted to -- there were some
08:04PM 23 options to put it towards the back of the station
08:04PM 24 where there is more space, but we wanted to keep it
08:04PM 25 towards the front, away from the controls.

08:04PM 1 MR. NAVEH: That's all I have,
08:04PM 2 Mr. Chairman.

08:04PM 3 MR. SEIBEL: Mr. Chairman, with regard
08:04PM 4 to the thickness of the wall, did you say six inches
08:04PM 5 thick, is that typical?

08:04PM 6 THE WITNESS: Yeah. The material is
08:04PM 7 six inches in this application, and that's their --
08:04PM 8 this system is actually kind of a standard system
08:04PM 9 that provides a rating that is what they're looking
08:04PM 10 for.

08:04PM 11 So it's like a standard that they have
08:04PM 12 like this company provides.

08:04PM 13 MR. SEIBEL: And the noise, it doesn't
08:04PM 14 send the noise up, it absorbs the noise?

08:05PM 15 THE WITNESS: Well, actually, I'm not a
08:05PM 16 sound person, so...

08:05PM 17 MR. SEIBEL: All right, then I'll wait
08:05PM 18 for the next expert.

08:05PM 19 There was -- oh, has this station ever
08:05PM 20 gone dark? Has it ever lost power?

08:05PM 21 MRS. LAFOND: New Year's Eve last year.

08:05PM 22 MR. SEIBEL: New Year's Eve?

08:05PM 23 MRS. LAFOND: They had lost a
08:05PM 24 considerable amount of power, yeah. Fair Lawn had a
08:05PM 25 considerable power outage New Year's Eve this past

08:05PM 1 year.

08:05PM 2 MR. SEIBEL: But you got it back up?

08:05PM 3 MRS. LAFOND: It was about, I think,

08:05PM 4 two to three hours.

08:05PM 5 MR. SEIBEL: And it was just Fair Lawn?

08:05PM 6 MRS. LAFOND: No, it was any of the --

08:05PM 7 MR. SEIBEL: So it was not --

08:05PM 8 MRS. LAFOND: There's backups, like I

08:05PM 9 said.

08:05PM 10 But everything in the station has two

08:05PM 11 feeders into it, so should one fail, the other one

08:05PM 12 can have service.

08:05PM 13 All the stations that Fair Lawn

08:05PM 14 services have another ancillary feeder into them.

08:05PM 15 However, since Fair Lawn is a source -- it's a major

08:05PM 16 source of power. The other ones have sort of

08:05PM 17 ancillary.

08:05PM 18 So everybody has -- every station has

08:06PM 19 two feeders.

08:06PM 20 Fair Lawn is a major feed for a

08:06PM 21 tremendous number of stations. The stations that

08:06PM 22 they feed, when there's an outage of Fair Lawn, they

08:06PM 23 have another service. The concern is that that

08:06PM 24 service can't provide them, a lot of times, 100

08:06PM 25 percent of their reliability. So once -- if you lose

08:06PM 1 one station, there's always a chance that the next
08:06PM 2 station will -- they'll have service rippling
08:06PM 3 effects, because they can't handle the load.

08:06PM 4 So that's the major concern.

08:06PM 5 MR. SEIBEL: So if you give it, on a
08:06PM 6 scale of one to five, one being most important, this
08:06PM 7 Fair Lawn station is a --

08:06PM 8 MRS. LAFOND: It's a five. It's a
08:06PM 9 switching station.

08:06PM 10 MR. SEIBEL: So five is lowest.

08:06PM 11 MRS. LAFOND: Oh, I'm sorry. Then it's
08:06PM 12 a one.

08:06PM 13 MR. SEIBEL: It's a one?

08:06PM 14 MRS. LAFOND: Yes.

08:06PM 15 MR. KIENZ: Is it high or low?

08:06PM 16 MRS. LAFOND: It's very high.

08:06PM 17 MR. SEIBEL: And, lastly, what was my
08:06PM 18 last question?

08:07PM 19 The generator, the generator, it's like
08:07PM 20 when you reboot your computer, you have to have --

08:07PM 21 MRS. LAFOND: You have to have power to
08:07PM 22 do it.

08:07PM 23 MR. SEIBEL: You have to have power to
08:07PM 24 do it, so that generator is gonna get you going
08:07PM 25 again.

08:07PM 1 MRS. LAFOND: Right. That generator
08:07PM 2 will keep the lights on and also keep all the
08:07PM 3 computers on.

08:07PM 4 Like I said, the computers are the
08:07PM 5 source for any restarts as well as they will -- they
08:07PM 6 send all -- any alarms or anything wrong with the
08:07PM 7 equipment, they send all the signals back to the main
08:07PM 8 monitoring places.

08:07PM 9 MR. SEIBEL: This was it. And I don't
08:07PM 10 know if this is to you or to who this is, but I'm
08:07PM 11 reading through here and it says, the station is
08:07PM 12 unmanned.

08:07PM 13 MRS. LAFOND: Correct.

08:07PM 14 MR. SEIBEL: There's nobody on the
08:07PM 15 site?

08:07PM 16 MRS. LAFOND: It operates in a facility
08:07PM 17 that nobody -- there's no -- no one sits monitoring
08:07PM 18 any of the computers or any of the lights.

08:07PM 19 Everything is -- all the computers they send signals

08:08PM 20 back to the main office, which is in Clifton, and

08:08PM 21 that's where there's an operation center. And they

08:08PM 22 monitor a tremendous number of stations.

08:08PM 23 MR. SEIBEL: The reason I'm asking is
08:08PM 24 because I saw some cars on this site.

08:08PM 25 MRS. LAFOND: Well, there's -- right

08:08PM 1 now there's a fair amount of people. There's
08:08PM 2 construction ongoing, as well as -- I mean, there's
08:08PM 3 construction ongoing, as well as some major
08:08PM 4 inspections that we've been having lately. So there
08:08PM 5 are people there now, but their purpose to be on the
08:08PM 6 station is not to monitor the equipment. They're
08:08PM 7 either building something or they're working on
08:08PM 8 something or they're doing maintenance.

08:08PM 9 But from a monitoring and operations
08:08PM 10 perspective, it's actually operated offsite.

08:08PM 11 MR. KIENZ: Let's actually try it this
08:08PM 12 way, once we're done constructing --

08:08PM 13 MR. SEIBEL: Right, that's what --

08:08PM 14 MRS. LAFOND: Once we're done
08:08PM 15 constructing, the only people who will come to the
08:08PM 16 site are either maintenance personnel for regular
08:08PM 17 maintenance or someone responding to an alarm signal
08:08PM 18 that's been sent to the operation's center.

08:08PM 19 MR. SEIBEL: That's all I have.

08:09PM 20 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: If that's all
08:09PM 21 the questions, I'll swear in our professionals and
08:09PM 22 let them ask questions.

23 Can you raise your right hand? And do
24 you swear or affirm that the testimony you're about
25 to give this evening is true and accurate?

1 MR. AZZOLINA: I do.

2 P A U L A Z Z O L I N A.

08:09PM 3 30 Madison Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey

08:09PM 4 having been duly sworn, testifies as follows:

08:09PM 5 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Please state
08:09PM 6 your name and address for the record.

08:09PM 7 MR. AZZOLINA: Paul Azzolina, Azzolina
08:09PM 8 & Feury Engineering, 30 Madison Avenue, Paramus, New
08:09PM 9 Jersey, zoning board engineer.

10 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Can you raise
11 your right hand? And do you swear or affirm that the
12 testimony you're about to give this evening is true
13 and accurate?

14 MR. OCHAB: Yes.

15 K E N N E T H O C H A B,

16 12-16 Fair Lawn Avenue, Fair Lawn, New Jersey,

17 having been duly sworn, testifies as follows:

08:09PM 18 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: State your
08:09PM 19 name.

08:09PM 20 MR. OCHAB: Ken Ochab, O-c-h-a-b. And
08:09PM 21 I'm planner, substitute planner, for this evening on
08:09PM 22 this application.

08:09PM 23 MR. AZZOLINA: I do have a couple
08:09PM 24 questions, Mr. Puzio.

08:09PM 25 I had the opportunity to tour the site

08:09PM 1 this past week, I met with the construction manager,
08:09PM 2 Mr. Trayloc (phonetic), so he showed me around the
08:09PM 3 site.

08:09PM 4 There is an existing sound barrier
08:09PM 5 around one of the transformer units out there.

08:09PM 6 MRS. LAFOND: Correct.

08:09PM 7 MR. AZZOLINA: Is that the same
08:09PM 8 material as --

08:09PM 9 MRS. LAFOND: Yes.

08:09PM 10 MR. AZZOLINA: -- what we're talking
08:10PM 11 about, this wall.

08:10PM 12 MRS. LAFOND: Yes, it's the same
08:10PM 13 material.

08:10PM 14 MR. AZZOLINA: Okay. And that was
08:10PM 15 installed how long ago, approximately?

08:10PM 16 MRS. LAFOND: I know it was over two
08:10PM 17 years ago. I'm not sure exactly. I think 2009,
08:10PM 18 2010.

08:10PM 19 MR. AZZOLINA: Okay.

08:10PM 20 MRS. LAFOND: But I know definitely
08:10PM 21 over two years ago.

08:10PM 22 MR. AZZOLINA: I'm assuming you're
08:10PM 23 satisfied with the results of that enclosure, so
08:10PM 24 you're proposing to do the expanded wall --

08:10PM 25 MRS. LAFOND: With that same material.

08:10PM 1 MR. AZZOLINA: -- with that same
08:10PM 2 material, because it's performed satisfactorily in
08:10PM 3 that application?

08:10PM 4 MRS. LAFOND: Correct.

08:10PM 5 MR. KIENZ: Let's see if we can try it
08:10PM 6 this way and maybe this will help you, have we used
08:10PM 7 this material on other sites throughout the state?
08:10PM 8 Somebody answer into the mic.

08:10PM 9 MR. AUGUSTINE: Yes, it's going to be
08:10PM 10 used on several other sites. I have three other
08:10PM 11 projects that are currently --

08:10PM 12 MR. KIENZ: That's just the ones you're
08:10PM 13 working on --

08:10PM 14 MR. AUGUSTINE: Yes, myself.

08:10PM 15 MR. KIENZ: -- with other people.

08:10PM 16 MR. AZZOLINA: The reason for my asking
08:10PM 17 was just for the adjoining property owners, they'll
08:11PM 18 be able to get a visual of what this thing will look
08:11PM 19 like if they are able to see through the easement
08:11PM 20 line and view that one enclosure, that will give them
08:11PM 21 a reasonable --

08:11PM 22 MRS. LAFOND: Visually, it's the same
08:11PM 23 material.

08:11PM 24 MR. AZZOLINA: The same material, okay.

08:11PM 25 Another question regarding the -- I

08:11PM 1 think you said they're similar to plugs, are those
08:11PM 2 the potheads that are referred to in the --

08:11PM 3 THE WITNESS: The potheads, would be I
08:11PM 4 guess the equivalent of the plug that's on the end of
08:11PM 5 the cable --

08:11PM 6 MR. AZZOLINA: Okay.

08:11PM 7 MRS. LAFOND: -- it's how you connect
08:11PM 8 one piece to another.

08:11PM 9 MR. AZZOLINA: So those are the little
08:11PM 10 foundation areas that you spoke of earlier?

08:11PM 11 MRS. LAFOND: Right.

08:11PM 12 MR. AZZOLINA: That will be it.

08:11PM 13 Thank you.

08:11PM 14 MR. OCHAB: Another question related to
08:11PM 15 the northeast corner --

08:11PM 16 MR. ROSENBERG: You've got to speak up.
08:11PM 17 We can't hear anything.

08:11PM 18 MR. OCHAB: I have a question related
08:11PM 19 to the area of the northeast corner of the property
08:11PM 20 where the sound wall is up against the abutting
08:12PM 21 residential properties. There's a treeline right now
08:12PM 22 behind the fence, an evergreen treeline, and it's
08:12PM 23 quite extensive, actually. Is that treeline going to
08:12PM 24 be maintained once the sound wall is constructed?

08:12PM 25 MRS. LAFOND: There's a possibility

08:12PM 1 that some of those trees will have to be removed in
08:12PM 2 order to build the wall.

08:12PM 3 But regardless of that, those trees
08:12PM 4 will be -- I believe you're talking about these trees
08:12PM 5 here (indicating).

08:12PM 6 MR. OCHAB: Correct.

08:12PM 7 MRS. LAFOND: They would be on the
08:12PM 8 facility side of the wall. So regardless of whether
08:12PM 9 or not they're removed during construction or if
08:12PM 10 they're maintained during construction with the wall,
08:12PM 11 they would no longer be visible from the residential
08:12PM 12 properties.

08:12PM 13 MR. OCHAB: Okay. Because some of
08:12PM 14 those trees I think are taller than 15 feet, so some
08:12PM 15 of them might be visible, depending on where the
08:12PM 16 actual wall is located.

08:12PM 17 In terms of like a visual perspective,
08:12PM 18 is the wall going to be on the fence line or just
08:12PM 19 behind the fence line?

08:13PM 20 MRS. LAFOND: The wall is in place of
08:13PM 21 the fence.

08:13PM 22 MR. OCHAB: It's in place of the fence.
08:13PM 23 So it will be right in front of trees?

08:13PM 24 MRS. LAFOND: Right.

08:13PM 25 MR. OCHAB: Well, I think it would be a

08:13PM 1 great idea of you could keep the tress, it could add
08:13PM 2 as an additional buffer above the 15 feet. Because I
08:13PM 3 mean, as I inspected the site, I noticed that there
08:13PM 4 were certain gaps in the view shed between the
08:13PM 5 residential area in Glen Rock and the site, itself.

08:13PM 6 In terms of wall, itself, is it
08:13PM 7 susceptible to damage? Let's say if a tree limb hits
08:13PM 8 it, is that the type of lightweight material that
08:13PM 9 might be damaged by a tree limb or the wind or what
08:13PM 10 have you?

08:13PM 11 MR. AUGUSTINE: They do have
08:13PM 12 reinforcement of lightning steel channels that cap
08:13PM 13 off each section and modular.

08:13PM 14 Now, as for the size of the limb, I
08:13PM 15 mean, obviously, it's going to depend.

08:13PM 16 MR. KIENZ: A limb coming down on a
08:13PM 17 house will take out a roof. It's not made of
08:14PM 18 kryptonite.

08:14PM 19 MR. AUGUSTINE: Smaller limbs, are
08:14PM 20 probably going to be -- not going to be an issue.
08:14PM 21 But on bigger limbs, yeah, there's potential that
08:14PM 22 there could be some damage with bigger limbs.

08:14PM 23 MR. OCHAB: I guess the best way to
08:14PM 24 refer to it in common layman's language is, something
08:14PM 25 that the wind would carry, without the whole tree

08:14PM 1 coming down, a limb that a tree -- that the wind
08:14PM 2 could carry.

08:14PM 3 MR. AUGUSTINE: Yeah, based on the size
08:14PM 4 of the steel and titanium is proposed, the
08:14PM 5 manufacturer of a standard one had -- that you could
08:14PM 6 lift up yourself would not provide significant damage
08:14PM 7 to the wall.

08:14PM 8 MR. OCHAB: You know, I haven't seen
08:14PM 9 the wall, itself, so just give me an impression of,
08:14PM 10 if you're looking at the wall, is it like a muted
08:14PM 11 dull color or is it shiny or --

08:14PM 12 MR. KIENZ: If you look at the exhibit.

08:14PM 13 MR. OCHAB: Oh, this exhibit. Okay, so
08:14PM 14 this is what it is? All right. Okay.

08:15PM 15 Thank you very much. I appreciate it.
08:15PM 16 No more questions.

08:15PM 17 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Any more
08:15PM 18 questions from the Board?

08:15PM 19 MS. BARATTA: Yes.

08:15PM 20 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Yes.

08:15PM 21 MS. BARATTA: Thank you, Chairman.

08:15PM 22 So now you're talking about taking all
08:15PM 23 of these trees down, all of these trees that are here
08:15PM 24 (indicating)? Because I'm sure the neighbors would
08:15PM 25 prefer, you know, the wall is there for sound, but

08:15PM 1 I'm sure they'd prefer to look at trees than a wall.

08:15PM 2 So do we know what we're taking down here?

08:15PM 3 MR. KIENZ: Go ahead.

08:15PM 4 MR. ROTONDA: Basically, the engineer
08:15PM 5 has asked us to provide a tree-removal plan, which
08:15PM 6 will detail which ones we're actually going to take
08:15PM 7 down.

08:15PM 8 I think he was suggesting a tree to,
08:15PM 9 you know, shade tree contribution we can plant.

08:15PM 10 But the wall, as I stated previously,
08:15PM 11 is actually on the north side of trees, so whether
08:15PM 12 they come down or not, you are going to see the wall
08:15PM 13 instead of trees now.

08:15PM 14 The trees now have been back there it's
08:16PM 15 -- they have a significant height now, but they're
08:16PM 16 not in great condition, that's a difficult spot. So
08:16PM 17 I think the end result is that you're going to have a
08:16PM 18 better buffer, but we don't have the trees.

08:16PM 19 So to answer your question, no, you
08:16PM 20 won't see those trees, whether they come down or not.

08:16PM 21 MS. BARATTA: Because those trees right
08:16PM 22 now are on your side of the fence, is what you're
08:16PM 23 saying?

08:16PM 24 MR. ROTONDA: That's correct.

08:16PM 25 MS. BARATTA: Okay, thank you.

08:16PM 1 MR. AZZOLINA: Mr. Chairman, if I may,
08:16PM 2 I did, in fact, direct the applicant to prepare a
08:16PM 3 tree-removal plan. I think there are two kinds of
08:16PM 4 trees that need to be spoken about on this site. The
08:16PM 5 row of trees that will be behind the wall, you know,
08:16PM 6 within the compound, that's a row of cedars that are
08:16PM 7 probably about 16 feet tall now as well. But there
08:16PM 8 are several deciduous trees that are located to the
08:16PM 9 west of that row of cedars that, depending on exactly
08:16PM 10 where this wall is placed and depending on what the
08:17PM 11 root structure of those trees is, they may require
08:17PM 12 some removal as well. And if they're being removed,
08:17PM 13 we do have a mitigation requirement that needs to be
08:17PM 14 adhered to. So the applicant has been directed to
08:17PM 15 provide that as part of the application.

08:17PM 16 If there is an issue planting on the
08:17PM 17 site due to the restrictions with the Tennessee gas
08:17PM 18 easement, then I recommended that perhaps they be
08:17PM 19 banked elsewhere and planted elsewhere in town.

08:17PM 20 But I do think it's important that the
08:17PM 21 tree survey be done, you know, perhaps if they can
08:17PM 22 shift the wall a foot or two to save, you know, a
08:17PM 23 36-inch oak that gives you screening at 100 feet in
08:17PM 24 the air, that I think would be more desirable than
08:17PM 25 sound attenuation at 16 feet.

08:17PM 1 So that's why I think there needs to be
08:17PM 2 some refinement of the placement of that wall and
08:18PM 3 that I think the tree removal plan will give them
08:18PM 4 that direction.

08:18PM 5 MR. KIENZ: Mr. Chairman, we will
08:18PM 6 really, willing and able to work with your
08:18PM 7 professionals to address that issue.

08:18PM 8 We think we got it, but we understand
08:18PM 9 why he's asking, and that's fair.

08:18PM 10 MR. AZZOLINA: Also, on the fence, the
08:18PM 11 sound wall, rather, is there a finished side and an
08:18PM 12 unfinished side or is it the same exposure?

08:18PM 13 MR. AUGUSTINE: Both the same. Both
08:18PM 14 sides are the exact same.

08:18PM 15 MR. AZZOLINA: Okay. Thank you.

08:18PM 16 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Any further
08:18PM 17 questions?

08:18PM 18 (NO RESPONSE.)

08:18PM 19 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: All right.
08:18PM 20 Since there's no other questions from Board Members
08:18PM 21 or our professionals, I'll open up questioning to
08:18PM 22 residents within 200 feet of the applicant.

23 Can you raise your right hand? And do
24 you swear or affirm that the testimony you're about
25 to give this evening is true and accurate?

1 MS. CARRERA: I do.

2 A M Y C A R R E R A,

3 17 Oaklynn Place, Glen Rock, New Jersey,

08:18PM 4 having been duly sworn, testifies as follows:

08:18PM 5 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Please state
08:18PM 6 your name and address for the record.

08:19PM 7 MS. CARRERA: My name is Amy Carrera.
08:19PM 8 I live at 17 Oaklynn Place in Glen Rock, New Jersey.

08:19PM 9 MS. PECK: I didn't catch your name?

08:19PM 10 MS. CARRERA: Amy Carrera.

08:19PM 11 First off, I just want to thank you,
08:19PM 12 because this time around, I feel like there were a
08:19PM 13 lot more poignant questions based upon what our
08:19PM 14 quality of life is going to be, and I really thank
08:19PM 15 you.

08:19PM 16 I'm very nervous, please excuse me.

08:19PM 17 My question is, is what is the
08:19PM 18 reliability of said fence or sound damperring, what
08:19PM 19 is its success rate? What is evidence that is
08:19PM 20 supposedly will do what it says, as opposed to, yes,
08:19PM 21 everyone else is using it? My concern is, has it
08:19PM 22 proven itself worthy?

08:19PM 23 MR. AUGUSTINE: Well, I mean, the sound
08:19PM 24 wall, itself, has been used throughout, not only the
08:19PM 25 State of New Jersey, but various other states for

08:20PM 1 sound protection from interstate highways and the
08:20PM 2 like.

08:20PM 3 So as far as what is the percentage of
08:20PM 4 completion to what they actually state, I don't
08:20PM 5 actually have that number, nor could I possibly give
08:20PM 6 that number. I don't think they keep track of that
08:20PM 7 type of information.

08:20PM 8 But as for the ability of it to reduce
08:20PM 9 sound, I would think that if a state government like
08:20PM 10 a DEP is using it, that it must meet specific quality
08:20PM 11 that it's stating.

08:20PM 12 MS. CARRERA: Then I know --

08:20PM 13 MR. KIENZ: There's actually an easier
08:20PM 14 answer that he doesn't realize, because he's from out
08:20PM 15 of state.

08:20PM 16 The last time we were here, and I think
08:20PM 17 you were here.

08:20PM 18 MS. CARRERA: I was.

08:20PM 19 MR. KIENZ: What we said was that once
08:20PM 20 we were fully operational, we would do -- and it was
08:20PM 21 a condition, I believe, of the resolution, we would
08:20PM 22 do additional sound monitoring to make sure that, in
08:21PM 23 fact, we were in compliance with state standards to
08:21PM 24 make sure that we met everything.

08:21PM 25 So my suggestion, and counsel knows

08:21PM 1 what I'm saying already, is that after it's all
08:21PM 2 installed, after we are up and operational, we will
08:21PM 3 do additional testing that will be reviewed by the
08:21PM 4 board's engineer to make sure.

08:21PM 5 And if, in fact, we don't comply with
08:21PM 6 those standards, then we have to fix it.

08:21PM 7 So it doesn't -- whether or not this
08:21PM 8 actually does it 100 percent -- we think it does.
08:21PM 9 And we have a sound expert, there's studies on it
08:21PM 10 that show, based on what he was able to come up with,
08:21PM 11 that it will.

08:21PM 12 But if it doesn't, it's still our
08:21PM 13 responsibility -- or I suspect it will be our
08:21PM 14 responsibility, because it was the last time, to make
08:21PM 15 sure that it's all --

08:21PM 16 MS. CARRERA: Right. And who is
08:21PM 17 monitoring that you're doing so and following
08:21PM 18 through?

08:21PM 19 Because to be honest, construction was
08:21PM 20 supposed to start a year-and-a-half prior to when it
08:21PM 21 is. It was supposed to last during business hours.
08:21PM 22 It was 12 hours a day, seven days a week.

08:22PM 23 My trust isn't quite there at the
08:22PM 24 moment.

08:22PM 25 MR. KIENZ: Okay.

08:22PM 1 MS. CARRERA: So who is going to follow
08:22PM 2 up.

08:22PM 3 MR. KIENZ: I'm not going to make --
08:22PM 4 here's the answer.

08:22PM 5 MS. CARRERA: I'm nervous, please
08:22PM 6 forgive me.

08:22PM 7 MR. KIENZ: I'm not angry. I'm not
08:22PM 8 angry.

08:22PM 9 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Obviously, as
08:22PM 10 we stated, the town will make sure, our town engineer
08:22PM 11 will make sure that the sound is within limits.
08:22PM 12 We're required to do that.

08:22PM 13 MS. CARRERA: Okay.

08:22PM 14 MR. KIENZ: And actually, we're
08:22PM 15 required, because if we're not, then we're in
08:22PM 16 violation and we can be found in violation. And
08:22PM 17 that's what it can be, so...

08:22PM 18 MS. CARRERA: Okay, thank you.

19 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Any other
20 residents within 200 feet?

21 MS. ZENOU: Hi.

22 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Can you raise
23 your right hand? And do you swear or affirm that the
24 testimony you're about to give this evening is true
25 and accurate?

1 MS. ZENOU: I do.

2 S O N I A Z E N O U,

08:22PM 3 23 Oaklynn Place, Glen Rock, New Jersey, having
08:22PM 4 been duly sworn, testifies as follows:

08:22PM 5 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Please state
08:22PM 6 your name and address for the record.

08:22PM 7 MS. ZENOU: Sonia Zenou, Z-e-n-o-u, 23
08:22PM 8 Oaklynn Place, Glen Rock.

08:22PM 9 You had mentioned before about
08:23PM 10 Transcontinental, okay, which is the barrier between
08:23PM 11 Glen Rock and PSE&G, and it's been mentioned about
08:23PM 12 the lush evergreen that's back there and the lack of
08:23PM 13 maintenance.

08:23PM 14 Will they be here present at a future
08:23PM 15 meeting to discuss they're lack of work back there?

08:23PM 16 The reason why I bring it up is because
08:23PM 17 every time we have downpours of rain, it floods out,
08:23PM 18 starting at my neighbor Amy's property and going
08:23PM 19 through our property in which we've had to replace
08:23PM 20 sheds, we've had rats back there.

08:23PM 21 We have children. She has a toddler.
08:23PM 22 It is of major concern. Now we have issues with
08:23PM 23 large, you know, we still have rodents. So what's
08:23PM 24 going on, for you to have them be present? I mean, I
08:23PM 25 have called them to clean up the ivy that's killing

08:23PM 1 my evergreens that are back there. They come, they
08:23PM 2 weed whack and say it's all taken care of. Weed
08:23PM 3 whacking is not destroying ivy, it's just simply
08:24PM 4 killing it, you know, just temporarily.

08:24PM 5 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Unfortunately,
08:24PM 6 Transcontinental is not the applicant here tonight.

08:24PM 7 But Ann, is that property within Fair
08:24PM 8 Lawn?

08:24PM 9 MS. PECK: I think it straddles with
08:24PM 10 both of them. I'm not really sure.

08:24PM 11 MS. ZENOU: It straddles both.

08:24PM 12 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: So then it
08:24PM 13 would be up to --

08:24PM 14 MS. ZENOU: --and it's a big issue
08:24PM 15 going back and froth.

08:24PM 16 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: -- the borough.

08:24PM 17 MS. PECK: Yes, their borough should be
08:24PM 18 able to give them a contact for that area.

08:24PM 19 MS. ZENOU: I have a contact. I mean I
08:24PM 20 have a business card from when it first came out to
08:24PM 21 take down all those trees. And every time I get is,
08:24PM 22 we don't have money in the budget. But yet, we're
08:24PM 23 getting all these mass weeds.

08:24PM 24 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Ma'am, please
08:24PM 25 understand, this is not Transcontinental's

08:24PM 1 application. This is PSE&G.

08:24PM 2 Transcontinental, that piece of the
08:24PM 3 property, is their easement.

08:24PM 4 MS. ZENOU: Okay.

08:24PM 5 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: So if you have
08:24PM 6 any question for the PSE&G people, they'd be happy to
08:24PM 7 respond.

08:24PM 8 MS. ZENOU: Okay. So with PSE&G, I
08:24PM 9 know that there is a right-of-way between
08:24PM 10 Transcontinental pipeline, in which -- on the
08:24PM 11 opposite side of your fence, there are still some
08:24PM 12 trees that are there that are not -- and sometimes,
08:25PM 13 they're not so healthy.

08:25PM 14 Will those be removed prior to the
08:25PM 15 barrier wall being put up or will they be staying
08:25PM 16 there.

08:25PM 17 MR. ROTONDA: You're talking about the
08:25PM 18 trees that are where the wall is going or the trees
08:25PM 19 along the property line?

08:25PM 20 MS. ZENOU: Well, you have the fence
08:25PM 21 that would actually be on, not inside your fence, it
08:25PM 22 would be on the outside of the fence.

08:25PM 23 MR. ROTONDA: Right adjacent to the
08:25PM 24 fence, basically. There are trees adjacent to the
08:25PM 25 fence, a lot of those are going to have to be trimmed

08:25PM 1 or come down. It's a very -- they are in bad, poor
08:25PM 2 condition. Our vegetation management group would
08:25PM 3 take them down if there's a chance of them falling
08:25PM 4 into the station, because that could cause a problem
08:25PM 5 for us as well.

08:25PM 6 So if we would, as part of inventory
08:25PM 7 and the tree-removal plan, the ones that are in bad
08:25PM 8 condition that need to be removed or trimmed, we will
08:25PM 9 indicate that in the plan. And they'll come through
08:25PM 10 and our vegetation management, we'll call them, will
08:25PM 11 come through and clear that, the limbs that would be
08:25PM 12 a problem and the trees that are a problem.

08:26PM 13 MS. ZENOU: Okay. I'm also curious the
08:26PM 14 lighting (sic) that you talked about, the 71 feet
08:26PM 15 that are going to be a little bit more in, then I
08:26PM 16 think 60-something feet that's going to be more on
08:26PM 17 the north end.

08:26PM 18 My house happens to be a two-story home
08:26PM 19 in which we have bedrooms back there. How would that
08:26PM 20 lighting (sic) affect coming inside a bedroom.

08:26PM 21 MRS. LAFOND: It's not lighting, it's
08:26PM 22 lightning.

08:26PM 23 MS. ZENOU: Lightning?

08:26PM 24 MRS. LAFOND: So it's just a rod with
08:26PM 25 nothing on top. So it's just a --

08:26PM 1 MS. ZENOU: So there will be no lights
08:26PM 2 that are going to be on as there's been in the past?
08:26PM 3 For whatever reason, there's been lights on.

08:26PM 4 MRS. LAFOND: The lights don't get
08:26PM 5 turned -- there are no lights that get mounted on the
08:26PM 6 lightning rods.

08:26PM 7 The lightning rods are strictly just a
08:26PM 8 piece of metal that sticks up in the air.

08:26PM 9 MS. ZENOU: Okay. Now, this completion
08:26PM 10 of work, do you know when you anticipate that it will
08:26PM 11 be completed by, once everything gets approved?

08:26PM 12 MRS. LAFOND: We're hopeful to have the
08:26PM 13 wall finished before the end of year, and that sort
08:26PM 14 of will be one of the last pieces for this
08:26PM 15 application.

08:26PM 16 Because we still have to secure the
08:26PM 17 wall based upon the color that's chosen, and then
08:27PM 18 also the permitting process. This is one of the
08:27PM 19 first pieces of the permitting process. It does take
08:27PM 20 a chunk of months to go through all the steps.

08:27PM 21 So before we can start to build it, we
08:27PM 22 have to go through -- it could go anywhere from four
08:27PM 23 to six months for the permitting process.

08:27PM 24 MS. ZENOU: And when they do put this
08:27PM 25 wall up, I mean, are they going to be doing it during

08:27PM 1 the business hours of the day or are they going to be
08:27PM 2 working long shifts like they did before?

08:27PM 3 MRS. LAFOND: No. This would be -- the
08:27PM 4 only time we're permitted by the township is when
08:27PM 5 it's critically related to the electrical
08:27PM 6 infrastructure.

08:27PM 7 This wall would have to be something
08:27PM 8 during regular business hours.

08:27PM 9 MS. ZENOU: And that would be Monday
08:27PM 10 through Friday?

08:27PM 11 MRS. LAFOND: Yes.

08:27PM 12 MS. ZENOU: Okay. Thank you.

08:27PM 13 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Any other
08:27PM 14 questions from residents living within 200 feet?

08:27PM 15 (NO RESPONSE.)

08:27PM 16 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Seeing none,
08:27PM 17 I'll close that.

08:27PM 18 Any questions from members of the
08:27PM 19 general public?

08:27PM 20 (NO RESPONSE.)

08:27PM 21 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Seeing none,
08:27PM 22 I'll close that also.

08:28PM 23 MR. ROSENBERG: Are there any other
08:28PM 24 witnesses you care to call or --

08:28PM 25 MR. KIENZ: Well, I'm not looking to

08:28PM 1 prolong this, but I think I have to put Mr. Rotonda
08:28PM 2 up as our professional planner, just to address the
08:28PM 3 height variance.

08:28PM 4 I don't think he has to talk about
08:28PM 5 anything else, because I think we kind of covered it,
08:28PM 6 both of us bringing extra witnesses up. And I'm not
08:28PM 7 trying to you a short -- I think it's a little
08:28PM 8 different than I originally planned, but I'm happy to
08:28PM 9 go with the flow. I think Gene's got to just talk to
08:28PM 10 the variance issues.

08:28PM 11 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Sure.

08:28PM 12 MR. KIENZ: And I'll ask him about our
08:28PM 13 site plan. All right, you got it?

08:28PM 14 MR. ROTONDA: Got it.

08:28PM 15 DIRECT EXAMINATION

08:28PM 16 BY MR. KIENZ:

08:28PM 17 Q. So we're seeking a (d) height variance
08:28PM 18 for the lightning mast. Is that correct?

08:28PM 19 A. Correct.

08:28PM 20 Q. Would you please describe the
08:28PM 21 affirmative criteria and how we're doing on that,
08:28PM 22 Gene?

08:28PM 23 A. Okay. As I stated previously, the
08:28PM 24 variance for height is for, as shown on the zoning
08:29PM 25 table, which is 71.2 feet.

08:29PM 1 That height is actually lower than the
08:29PM 2 existing tallest lightning mast on the site, which is
08:29PM 3 at 72.1 feet.

08:29PM 4 Q. And that's the -- we had gotten that
08:29PM 5 72.1 approved previously. Is that correct?

08:29PM 6 A. Actually, that one was pre-existing,
08:29PM 7 the 71-foot lightning rods, so that's been there for
08:29PM 8 sometime. The 71-foot rods before that were
08:29PM 9 previously approved, were slightly lower. And the
08:29PM 10 four that we're proposing now, that were mentioned
08:29PM 11 are lower than those.

08:29PM 12 Q. What are the reasons -- is this part of
08:29PM 13 an inherently beneficial use?

08:29PM 14 A. Yes.

08:29PM 15 Q. And are there other special reasons?

08:29PM 16 A. Well, the approval is -- the lightning
08:29PM 17 protection is required to maintain the safe operation
08:29PM 18 and reliable power to the -- safe, reliable power to
08:29PM 19 the residents in the neighborhood and the customers.

08:30PM 20 Q. Does this help to protect the public
08:30PM 21 health, safety and general welfare?

08:30PM 22 A. Yes, it does.

08:30PM 23 Q. And does it also meet the criteria
08:30PM 24 under Section 2(M), which talks about making the most
08:30PM 25 efficient use of land?

08:30PM 1 A. Yes, it does.

08:30PM 2 Q. And how is that?

08:30PM 3 A. Basically, by not having to expand the
08:30PM 4 station to additional properties. And it also allows
08:30PM 5 this facility to be upgraded without expanding in
08:30PM 6 length.

08:30PM 7 Q. What about section 2(i), which talks
08:30PM 8 about visual impact, Gene?

08:30PM 9 A. The lightning rods are basically like
08:30PM 10 very thin flag poles. They're very, very -- they're
08:30PM 11 as narrow as they can be, so that they achieve the
08:30PM 12 lightning protection.

08:30PM 13 However, when you see them, if you look
08:30PM 14 out there now, you won't really notice that 72.1 foot
08:30PM 15 lightning mast unless you're really looking for it.
08:30PM 16 Depending on the day, you might not see it.

08:30PM 17 So there's very -- their visual impact
08:30PM 18 is de minimus. And granting the additional lightning
08:31PM 19 masts that's triggering this initial (d) variance, I
08:31PM 20 think is de minimus. It has no negative impact on
08:31PM 21 the neighborhood or the residents.

08:31PM 22 MR. KIENZ: Now, I forget, counsel, how
08:31PM 23 we did it the last time, but we also have a variance,
08:31PM 24 technically, for the barrier wall in the rear yard.

08:31PM 25 Do you determine that that's subsumed

08:31PM 1 into the use variance or do you want (c) variance
08:31PM 2 testimony as well.

08:31PM 3 MR. ROSENBERG: Maybe you can just give
08:31PM 4 some brief testimony.

08:31PM 5 MR. KIENZ: Of course.

08:31PM 6 MR. ROSENBERG: You could argue whether
08:31PM 7 under Palio (phonetic) if its subsumed, but I think
08:31PM 8 --

08:31PM 9 MR. KIENZ: I'm happy to do it either
08:31PM 10 way.

08:31PM 11 MR. ROSENBERG: Fine.

08:31PM 12 BY MR. KIENZ:

08:31PM 13 Q. So, Gene, talk about the benefits
08:31PM 14 outweighing the detriments for the sound walls.

08:31PM 15 A. The benefits of the sound wall are
08:31PM 16 obvious to assure the sound levels are maintained
08:31PM 17 below the state standards. And also, it addresses an
08:31PM 18 aesthetic buffer that's actually created by this wall
08:32PM 19 to limit the view into the station for the residence.

08:32PM 20 I guess the negative would be
08:32PM 21 potentially looking at the wall, versus the trees
08:32PM 22 that are there now.

08:32PM 23 Although the trees that are there now
08:32PM 24 do not create an protective barrier throughout that
08:32PM 25 whole length. So it really is, in my opinion, not a

08:32PM 1 negative. It's actually a net positive, a positive
08:32PM 2 effect overall, because of the sound attenuation, as
08:32PM 3 well as the buffer.

08:32PM 4 Q. Okay. After construction, will there
08:32PM 5 be an increase in traffic in the area due to the
08:32PM 6 proposed upgrade --

08:32PM 7 A. No.

08:32PM 8 Q. -- or the proposed wall?

08:32PM 9 A. No.

08:32PM 10 Q. Will the facility, with the proposed
08:32PM 11 update, contribute to an increase in noise,
08:32PM 12 vibration, glare, fumes, you know, all of those
08:32PM 13 usually type of issues that are contained in the
08:32PM 14 ordinances?

08:32PM 15 A. It will not.

08:32PM 16 Q. Is it going to create any contribution
08:32PM 17 to an increase in danger from fire, floods and the
08:32PM 18 like?

08:32PM 19 A. No, it will not.

08:32PM 20 Q. As a matter of fact, it kind of helps
08:33PM 21 with having electricity to deal with those issues.
08:33PM 22 Is that correct?

08:33PM 23 A. Yes.

08:33PM 24 Q. As to the negligent criteria, does this
08:33PM 25 negatively impact the public good in any way?

08:33PM 1 A. I do not believe so.

08:33PM 2 Q. And why is that?

08:33PM 3 A. I believe that the benefits outweigh
08:33PM 4 any potential detriments, as explained with the
08:33PM 5 negative/positive criteria. I believe that the
08:33PM 6 overall effect will be positive, based on the
08:33PM 7 reliability and increased service, as well as the
08:33PM 8 reduction of noise and the screen.

08:33PM 9 Q. As testified to two year ago, is this
08:33PM 10 consistent with the zone plan and zone scheme for the
08:33PM 11 area?

08:33PM 12 A. Yes.

08:33PM 13 Q. So it doesn't negatively impact them,
08:33PM 14 does it?

08:33PM 15 A. That's correct.

08:33PM 16 Q. So in your opinion, and based upon your
08:33PM 17 experience as a professional planner and your
08:33PM 18 knowledge of the project, does the design as set
08:33PM 19 forth satisfy all the criteria of the Municipal Land
08:33PM 20 Use Law?

08:33PM 21 A. Yes.

08:33PM 22 Q. You've had a chance, also, to review
08:33PM 23 the site plan that's before the Board.

08:33PM 24 To the best of your knowledge and based
08:34PM 25 on your familiarity with this municipality's Site

08:34PM 1 Plan Ordinance, do you believe that the plans before
08:34PM 2 the Board are substantially consistent, if not
08:34PM 3 entirely consistent, with those?

08:34PM 4 A. Yes, I do.

08:34PM 5 Q. And you've had a chance to review the
08:34PM 6 engineer's report and the planner's report.

08:34PM 7 A. Yes.

08:34PM 8 Q. And thus, were some things that we will
08:34PM 9 probably be bringing up and discussed, we really
08:34PM 10 don't have any problems with discussing any of those
08:34PM 11 issues or meeting items that he has specifically
08:34PM 12 carved out. Is that correct?

08:34PM 13 A. That is correct.

08:34PM 14 Q. All right. You've heard my proffer
08:34PM 15 also about doing post-operational sound testing, we
08:34PM 16 don't have a problem with that. And we would even
08:34PM 17 ask, for our own good, for that to be a condition of
08:34PM 18 the approval. Is that correct?

08:34PM 19 A. That's correct.

08:34PM 20 Q. Do you have any other testimony,
08:34PM 21 Mr. Rotonda?

08:34PM 22 A. No.

08:34PM 23 MR. KIENZ: Have it him, Mr. Chairman.

08:34PM 24 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: I guess,
08:34PM 25 basically, the only question I have at this point is,

08:34PM 1 is this part of the federal mandate of upgrading the
08:35PM 2 electrical grid?

08:35PM 3 MR. ROTONDA: The initial upgrading and
08:35PM 4 this station upgrade is part of that, yes. So these
08:35PM 5 enhancements are furthering enhancing that upgrade.

08:35PM 6 MR. KIENZ: That's it. Did you answer?

08:35PM 7 MR. ROTONDA: The answer is yes.

08:35PM 8 MR. KIENZ: That's the answer.

08:35PM 9 MR. ROTONDA: Sorry for the long
08:35PM 10 answer.

08:35PM 11 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Any questions
08:35PM 12 from the Board Members?

08:35PM 13 MR. NAVEH: One question, Mr. Chairman.

08:35PM 14 So if I understand correctly, the only
08:35PM 15 reason for the height variance being 72.1 feet is
08:35PM 16 because of the lightning mast? No other building on
08:35PM 17 the property exceeds the --

08:35PM 18 MR. ROTONDA: No --

08:35PM 19 MR. KIENZ: Gene, you didn't hear the
08:35PM 20 question. The question had the wrong numbers.

08:35PM 21 MR. ROTONDA: It's 71.2.

08:35PM 22 MR. NAVEH: I'm sorry thank you.

08:35PM 23 MR. ROTONDA: There's no other proposed
08:35PM 24 buildings that are exceeding the height.

08:35PM 25 MR. NAVEH: Okay. That's all.

08:35PM 1 MR. KIENZ: I wasn't -- sir, I wasn't
08:35PM 2 picking on you, but it was like back and forth --

08:35PM 3 MR. NAVEH: No.

08:35PM 4 MR. KIENZ: -- when we were going
08:35PM 5 through the reports and everything else.

08:35PM 6 MR. NAVEH: I'm looking at the schedule
08:35PM 7 for that --

08:35PM 8 MR. KIENZ: I understand.

08:35PM 9 MR. NAVEH: -- instead of the lightning
08:36PM 10 mast, which are 71.2 feet.

08:36PM 11 MR. KIENZ: I understand.

08:36PM 12 MS. BARATTA: In regard to the sound
08:36PM 13 barrier, counsel, you said, at the onset, that you
08:36PM 14 had not picked out final color, et cetera, on the
08:36PM 15 sound barrier.

08:36PM 16 Will you be going to the neighbors in
08:36PM 17 the area to get their opinion on what they want? I
08:36PM 18 know you mentioned getting it, maybe, from us, but
08:36PM 19 they have to --

08:36PM 20 MR. KIENZ: We could certainly talk to
08:36PM 21 them, but quite frankly, beauty is in the eyes of the
08:36PM 22 beholder and --

08:36PM 23 MS. BARATTA: I'd go with purple, but
08:36PM 24 that's just me.

08:36PM 25 MR. KIENZ: You've got it then.

08:36PM 1 My suggestion, and the way we've done
08:36PM 2 it in the past, is generally to work with the Board
08:36PM 3 professionals. We think that the forest green might
08:36PM 4 be the color.

08:36PM 5 MS. BARATTA: Okay.

08:36PM 6 MR. KIENZ: The other ones that have
08:36PM 7 been put up are the tan, on other applications I've
08:36PM 8 done.

08:36PM 9 But, quite frankly, you get too many
08:36PM 10 cooks in the kitchen, so that's why we value the use
08:36PM 11 of your professional services. They have the best
08:37PM 12 interest of the public at heart. We have our
08:37PM 13 preference, but if you like purple, we'll talk.

08:37PM 14 MS. BARATTA: Thank you.

08:37PM 15 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Any other
08:37PM 16 questions from members of the Board?

08:37PM 17 (NO RESPONSE.)

08:37PM 18 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Seeing none,
08:37PM 19 I'll turn it to the professionals.

08:37PM 20 Any questions.

08:37PM 21 MR. AZZOLINA: Just a few questions,
08:37PM 22 Mr. Chairman.

08:37PM 23 Regarding the wall, is there any
08:37PM 24 proposed landscape treatment in connection with the
08:37PM 25 wall?

08:37PM 1 Namely, vines, if that's something that
08:37PM 2 would perhaps be considered.

08:37PM 3 MR. ROTONDA: I'm not sure about the
08:37PM 4 vines. I'd have to see our standards to make sure
08:37PM 5 they're not something that's invasive that would be
08:37PM 6 an issue.

08:37PM 7 We could certainly look at some type --
08:37PM 8 more of like a shrub, rather than tree, type of
08:37PM 9 planting.

08:37PM 10 MR. AZZOLINA: That goes to my earlier
08:37PM 11 statement regarding the Transco easement planting
08:37PM 12 limitations. Are you able to plant some type of
08:38PM 13 plant species?

08:38PM 14 MR. ROTONDA: There is some space
08:38PM 15 between the foundation of the wall and the edge of
08:38PM 16 the Transco line so we should be able to plant
08:38PM 17 something that's not going to be invasive to their
08:38PM 18 facility as well as falling into ours.

08:38PM 19 MR. AZZOLINA: Right.

08:38PM 20 MR. ROTONDA: So I believe that we
08:38PM 21 could talk with them about the type of landscaping,
08:38PM 22 some kind of softening of that wall.

08:38PM 23 MR. AZZOLINA: Sure. Correct.

08:38PM 24 I think that would be a good idea and
08:38PM 25 that would tie in with the earlier application. The

08:38PM 1 applicants did, in fact, submit a landscape report.
08:38PM 2 Mr. Rotonda and I met and walked the site, reviewed a
08:38PM 3 couple options.

08:38PM 4 Work was done to clear the easement a
08:38PM 5 little bit, but never got to the actual stage of
08:38PM 6 planting and constructing that fence, which, quite
08:38PM 7 honestly, that never really appealed to me the way it
08:38PM 8 was described.

08:38PM 9 So I think this is a better solution
08:39PM 10 aesthetically, and certainly functionally, it's going
08:39PM 11 to be a better result for the sound attenuation.

08:39PM 12 MR. ROSENBERG: Mr. Chairman, if I may,
08:39PM 13 I interpreted the applicant's agreement to have
08:39PM 14 PSE&G's professionals work with the board engineer,
08:39PM 15 really, on the issue of the proper placement of the
08:39PM 16 fence, preservation of trees, and maximizing
08:39PM 17 buffering capacity.

08:39PM 18 So I think, within those three things,
08:39PM 19 Mr. Azzolina, you would have to ability to work with
08:39PM 20 the applicant's engineer to make sure there's an
08:39PM 21 ability, as Mr. Rotonda says, to plant some type of
08:39PM 22 additional buffering between the Transco pipeline and
08:39PM 23 the foundation of the wall, you would be able to do
08:39PM 24 that.

08:39PM 25 That's what I'm anticipating you would

08:39PM 1 do.

08:39PM 2 MR. KIENZ: Counsel, exactly.

08:39PM 3 MR. ROSENBERG: Exactly.

08:39PM 4 Does that cover you, Mr. Azzolina?

08:39PM 5 MR. AZZOLINA: I believe it, does.

08:39PM 6 MR. ROSENBERG: Is that what you're
08:39PM 7 contemplating?

08:39PM 8 MR. AZZOLINA: Yes.

08:39PM 9 MR. ROSENBERG: Thank you,
08:39PM 10 Mr. Chairman.

08:39PM 11 MR. OCHAB: No questions.

08:39PM 12 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Any other
08:39PM 13 questions?

08:39PM 14 MR. SEIBEL: Mr. Chairman, so you agree
08:40PM 15 to do your testing between 10:00 and 2:00?

08:40PM 16 MR. KIENZ: That's the way we've done
08:40PM 17 it in the past, but you know everybody has their own
08:40PM 18 idea of what the best times to do the testing are.

08:40PM 19 So if you had a different time in mind,
08:40PM 20 as long as it's not crazy, but I don't think it can
08:40PM 21 be if we're doing it between whatever, so 10:00 and
08:40PM 22 2:00 seems to work. And I sit up in that chair a
08:40PM 23 lot, and I've had a number of applications with these
08:40PM 24 generators. And that's been, overall, 10:00 to 2:00,
08:40PM 25 Monday through Thursday, they don't even want it on a

08:40PM 1 Friday. Monday through Thursday has been the
08:40PM 2 universal one that most boards, that I've
08:40PM 3 represented, have come up with.

08:40PM 4 But if you have something better, we
08:40PM 5 certainly are willing to consider it.

08:40PM 6 MR. SEIBEL: That's what works for you?

08:40PM 7 MR. KIENZ: Yes.

08:40PM 8 MR. SEIBEL: And you're willing to work
08:40PM 9 with our professionals on the trees and do a tree
08:41PM 10 bank if you have to take any down?

08:41PM 11 MR. KIENZ: These guys? Yes, of
08:41PM 12 course.

08:41PM 13 MR. SEIBEL: And you're willing to work
08:41PM 14 with us on some post-operational sound testing?

08:41PM 15 MR. KIENZ: Absolutely.

08:41PM 16 MR. SEIBEL: That's all I have.

08:41PM 17 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Any more
08:41PM 18 questions from the members of the Board?

08:41PM 19 MR. AZZOLINA: Chairman, one last
08:41PM 20 thing.

08:41PM 21 The applicant, I think should cover, as
08:41PM 22 part of his testimony, just for the completeness, are
08:41PM 23 the waivers that being sought that are enumerated in
08:41PM 24 my report.

08:41PM 25 But perhaps if Mr. Rotonda can go

08:41PM 1 through them very briefly.

08:41PM 2 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: If you'd like
08:41PM 3 to sum up?

08:41PM 4 MR. AZZOLINA: Page 6 of my report.

08:41PM 5 MR. ROTONDA: Yes, there's a list of
08:41PM 6 them on there.

08:41PM 7 They range from parking plan, road and
08:42PM 8 paving profiles, site identification signs,
08:42PM 9 architectural significance of buildings, traffic
08:42PM 10 impact study, environmental assessment report and
08:42PM 11 development stages or a staging plan.

08:42PM 12 We provided the -- most of these are
08:42PM 13 not applicable for, you know, public parking or any
08:42PM 14 buildings, really, as part of this application.

08:42PM 15 The Environmental Assessment Report, he
08:42PM 16 mentioned that we did provide the sound study, which
08:42PM 17 I believe generally covers the environmental impact
08:42PM 18 by this application.

08:42PM 19 So I think we're covered there on
08:42PM 20 those, and that's why we requested those waivers.

08:42PM 21 MR. KIENZ: And we also requested them
08:42PM 22 because this was neither fish nor fowl, so it was a
08:42PM 23 relatively limited application. We probably could've
08:42PM 24 called it out a little better, for that I apologize.

08:42PM 25 MR. ROSENBERG: Mr. Chairman, I believe

08:42PM 1 Mr. Azzolina, in his report, says that he has no
08:42PM 2 specific objection to granting the plan detail design
08:43PM 3 waivers; is that correct?

08:43PM 4 MR. AZZOLINA: That is correct.

08:43PM 5 MR. ROSENBERG: Thank you, Mr.
08:43PM 6 Chairman.

08:43PM 7 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Anything else
08:43PM 8 from the professionals?

08:43PM 9 (NO RESPONSE.)

08:43PM 10 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Seeing none,
08:43PM 11 I'll open it up to members of the public within 200
08:43PM 12 feet relating to just the testimony given.

08:43PM 13 (NO RESPONSE.)

08:43PM 14 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Seeing none,
08:43PM 15 I'll close that and open it to members of the general
08:43PM 16 public.

08:43PM 17 (NO RESPONSE.)

08:43PM 18 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Seeing none,
08:43PM 19 I'll ask for a summation.

08:43PM 20 MR. KIENZ: Thank you for listening to
08:43PM 21 us again. We are trying to get this project done in
08:43PM 22 as efficient a time manner as is humanly possible.

08:43PM 23 We appreciate you setting up this
08:43PM 24 meeting tonight, and certainly, the one coming up,
08:43PM 25 because the lay down area is also part of the

08:43PM 1 application.

08:43PM 2 I think we have put on the proofs that
08:43PM 3 are needed for the height variance, this is
08:44PM 4 important, because we do have a charge and a
08:44PM 5 responsibility to provide safe, reliable energy.

08:44PM 6 It is an inherently beneficial use, I
08:44PM 7 think you all found that the last time.

08:44PM 8 And I would like to thank for your
08:44PM 9 consideration and ask you to please consider
08:44PM 10 approving the request for the variances and the site
08:44PM 11 plan.

08:44PM 12 Thank you.

08:44PM 13 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: I'll ask for a
08:44PM 14 motion?

08:44PM 15 MR. SEIBEL: I'll make a motion,
08:44PM 16 Mr. Chairman, with regard to application number
08:44PM 17 2015-04, PSE&G, Warren Point substation, 17-01 Nevins
08:44PM 18 Road, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07401, Block 4901, Lot 1,
08:44PM 19 with regard to the proposal to replace and upgrade
08:44PM 20 existing public utility equipment, to improve the
08:44PM 21 system's reliability and increase the station's
08:44PM 22 capacity. Preliminary and final state plan approval
08:45PM 23 required as per section 125-65, the applicant
08:45PM 24 proposes to construct new electric process equipment
08:45PM 25 a sound mitigation wall and install lightning

08:45PM 1 protection consisting of five lightning mast
08:45PM 2 structures, varying in height from 40.7 feet -- 40
08:45PM 3 feet 7 inches to 71 feet 2 inches in height. The
08:45PM 4 height limit and the I-1 Zone is 40 feet. The
08:45PM 5 lightning masts structures will exceed the height
08:45PM 6 limit and the applicant is applying for a (d)(6)
08:45PM 7 height variance, as per section 125-57.D.(1)(d)[1].

08:45PM 8 One of the proposed pieces of electric
08:45PM 9 process equipment, SL&P Transformers, is located
08:45PM 10 within side yard setback. The sound mitigation wall
08:45PM 11 is located within the rear yard setback. And all
08:46PM 12 other waivers and any other relief deemed necessary.

08:46PM 13 Also included in this application,
08:46PM 14 we're recommending that testing at the facility be
08:46PM 15 done between 10:00 and 2:00 on Mondays through
08:46PM 16 Thursday, that the applicant make every effort to
08:46PM 17 save the trees that they can, where possible, and to
08:46PM 18 bank trees which must be removed and to work with our
08:46PM 19 professionals on landscape improvements for this
08:46PM 20 site.

08:46PM 21 And that also, post-operational sound
08:46PM 22 testing be done to find out how the sound is being
08:46PM 23 mitigated and how well the wall is performing.

08:46PM 24 I recommend that the application be
08:46PM 25 approved.

08:46PM 1 MR. RACENSTEIN: I second.

08:46PM 2 MS. PECK: Mr. Chairman, I think

08:46PM 3 there's six lightning rods.

08:46PM 4 MR. KIENZ: Well, it's two there are

08:46PM 5 six lightning masts. And it's also not Warren Point,

08:46PM 6 it's the Fair Lawn substation.

08:47PM 7 MS. PECK: Okay.

08:47PM 8 MR. SEIBEL: I correct my motion.

08:47PM 9 There are six lightning masts, and what

08:47PM 10 was that about Warren?

08:47PM 11 MR. KIENZ: It's not Warren Point, it's

08:47PM 12 the Fair Lawn, sir.

08:47PM 13 MR. SEIBEL: It's the Fair Lawn

08:47PM 14 substation, not the Warren Point substation.

08:47PM 15 MS. PECK: And the monthly testing was

08:47PM 16 for the generator, the hours of Monday through

08:47PM 17 Thursday were for the maintenance, monthly for the

08:47PM 18 generator. Correct?

08:47PM 19 MR. SEIBEL: Monthly testing for the

08:47PM 20 generator --

08:47PM 21 MS. PECK: Monday through Thursday,

08:47PM 22 10:00 to 2:00.

08:47PM 23 MR. SEIBEL: -- Monday through Thursday

08:47PM 24 from 10:00 to 2:00.

08:47PM 25 MR. ROSENBERG: If I may, Mr. Chairman.

08:47PM 1 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Yes.

08:47PM 2 MR. SEIBEL: Mr. Seibel, I believe that
08:47PM 3 the applicant also agreed that the color of the wall
08:47PM 4 would be determined in conjunction with our board
08:47PM 5 professionals.

08:47PM 6 MR. SEIBEL: Also, within this
08:47PM 7 application for approval, the color of the wall will
08:47PM 8 be determined with input from our professionals.

08:47PM 9 MS. PECK: That's it.

08:47PM 10 MR. RACENSTEIN: I second.

08:48PM 11 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: Roll call,
08:48PM 12 please.

08:48PM 13 MS. BOZZA: Richard Seibel?

08:48PM 14 MR. SEIBEL: I'm going to vote yes, but
08:48PM 15 the one thing that does bother me and continues to
08:48PM 16 bother me is that I'm surprised that there's no one
08:48PM 17 at the substation, that it's an unmanned substation.

08:48PM 18 Just for security reasons, that's just
08:48PM 19 in the back of my head.

08:48PM 20 But my vote is yes, it's obviously an
08:48PM 21 inherently beneficial property.

08:48PM 22 MS. BOZZA: Okay. Jeanne Baratta?

08:48PM 23 MS. BARATTA: Yes.

08:48PM 24 MS. BOZZA: Samuel Racenstein?

08:48PM 25 MR. RACENSTEIN: Yes.

08:48PM 1 MS. BOZZA: Mr. Pohlman?

08:48PM 2 MR. POHLMAN: Yes.

08:48PM 3 MS. BOZZA: Avi Naveh?

08:48PM 4 MR. NAVEH: Yes.

08:48PM 5 MS. BOZZA: Sorry if I'm putting damage
08:48PM 6 to your name there.

08:48PM 7 And, Mr. Puzio?

08:48PM 8 ACTING CHAIRMAN PUZIO: I think, as we
08:48PM 9 all heard before, this is an inherently beneficial
08:49PM 10 use of this property. It's part of the federal
08:49PM 11 mandate to update the electric grid. And it leaves
08:49PM 12 the applicant time to mitigate some of the noise in
08:49PM 13 the rear of the property where the residential area
08:49PM 14 is. So my vote is yes.

08:49PM 15 MS. BOZZA: Okay.

08:49PM 16 MS. PECK: Six out of six passes.
08:49PM 17 It needed five.

08:49PM 18 MR. KIENZ: Thank you very much for
08:49PM 19 your time and consideration. I'll see you next week.
08:49PM 20 (Whereupon, this matter is concluded.
08:49PM 21 Time noted 8:49 p.m.)
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