

WINDWARD PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I

TESTIMONY TRANSCRIPT
DECEMBER 7, 2023

Public testimony regarding the application of **RENEGADE TOWERS LLC (PL-USE-2023-000020)** was heard at 9:21 a.m. in the County of Hawai‘i Council Chambers in Hilo, 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai‘i with Chair Dennis Lin presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Dennis Lin, Lauren Balog, John C. Cross, Louis Danielle III, and Wayne De Luz.

COMMISSIONER EXCUSED: Chantel Perrin

ALSO PRESENT: Suzanna Tiapula, Esq. (Counsel for the Commission), Jean Campbell, Esq. (Counsel for the Planning Department), Zendo Kern (Planning Director), Jessica Andrews (Planner), Alex Roy (Planner), Christian Kay (Planner), Tracie-Lee Camero (Zoom Host), and Melissa Dacayanan-Salvador (Windward Planning Commission Secretary).

And nine members from the public were in attendance.

APPLICANT: RENEGADE TOWERS LLC (PL-USE-2023-000020)

Application for a Use Permit to allow the construction of an unoccupied, multi-carrier telecommunications facility to include a 150-foot-tall ‘monopole’ tower and related equipment within a 4,994-square foot portion of a larger 44,214-square foot parcel. The subject property is located at 92-8627 Paradise Circle Makai, approximately 450 feet north of its intersection with Keaka Parkway, Ocean View, Ka‘ū, Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 9-2-101:071 (por.).

Secretary’s Note: [indecipherable] indicates that there were technical and/or internet difficulties, which made the conversation inaudible.

LIN: We will move on to public testimony. So, at this time, we’ll start with, I’ll start with Zoom first and then we’ll go to in-person. So, in-person will be right after this. Zoom testifiers, Tracie how many Zoom testifiers do you have on to testify for agenda item or for general public right now?

CAMERO: Hi, good morning, Chair. It looks like I only have a Bryce Novak and a Paul Chuba that’s signed on and I don’t think they are testifying if I’m not mistaken.

LIN: Okay.

CAMERO: Oh, Bryce’s hand is up.

LIN: Okay, Mr. Novak?

NOVAK: Aloha, can you hear me?

LIN: Yes.

NOVAK: Aloha, my name is Bryce Novak from Centerline Communications formerly J5 Infrastructure Partners and my company has represented AT & T for all of its new site builds in Hawai'i over the last five (5) years. I'm here today to confirm AT & T's commitment to collocation on this proposed tower if its approved and also call reference to a letter of support directly from AT & T from AT & T's Hawai'i Market Director Lawrence Velasquez. Per the Planning Department's recommendation of approval I just wanted to reaffirm AT & T's coverage and capacity deficiencies in Ocean View Rancho Subdivision and —

LIN: Sorry, Mr. Novak, sorry to interrupt you but I would have to had swear you in before you provided any testimony [*indecipherable crosstalk*] —

NOVAK: Okay.

LIN: — any testimony.

NOVAK: Yes, yes. I forgot about that.

LIN: Yeah, so if you'll please raise your right hand. Do you swear or affirm to tell the truth on this matter now before the Windward Planning Commission?

NOVAK: I do.

LIN: Okay, thank you. You may continue.

NOVAK: Okay, as per the Planning, let me just start over again. Per the Planning Department's recommendation I just wanted to reaffirm AT & T's coverage and capacity deficiencies in the Ocean View Rancho Subdivision and along Hawai'i Belt Road. The existing site at Reef and Palm is overloaded with capacity requests and it has always had coverage issues reaching the Hawai'i Belt Road. The new site will provide capacity relief to the existing site and better voice coverage along Hawai'i Belt Road. The site is located near utility infrastructure and will improve additional coverage in capacity as part of the FirstNet First Responder Network. And that's all I had to add, I'm happy to answer any questions the Commission may have regarding the site for AT & T collocation.

LIN: Thank you, Mr. Novak. Commissioners any questions for this testifier? Okay, seeing none. Tracie, is there anybody else on Zoom that's testifying?

CAMERO: No, Chair. I believe Paul Chuba is an applicant. So, there's no other testifiers.

LIN: Okay, he's number 2. Okay. Thank you. Okay, we'll now move on to in-person testimony. Is there anybody who would like to testify right now before any agenda item? Okay. Seeing none. Okay.

The item ended at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Dacayanan-Salvador
Melissa Dacayanan-Salvador (Feb 2, 2024 12:32 HST)

Melissa Dacayanan-Salvador, Secretary
Windward Planning Commission