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Timothy W. Monville  
National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, D.C.

Re: ERA23FA113

Dear Mr. Monville:

Pursuant to your recent request, I am forwarding this statement with reference to the above mentioned accident occurring at the Westchester County Airport on January 19, 2023. As previously indicated, I was outside on the back deck to my home at about 6PM on the evening of January 19, 2023. The airport is approximately three miles from my home and is located almost directly under the glide path to the airport. At that time I heard a light plane before I was able to see it. The engine noise was loud and seemed to be misfiring. It was not unusually low but was travelling very slowly, to the point where I thought it might stall. The running lights all seemed to be working properly. I was unable to see any details of the plane due to early evening darkness.

I was able to follow the plane for approx. 45-60 seconds before I lost sight of it beyond the tree line about a mile north of my home. It seemed to be descending properly toward the airport and I assumed at the time that it landed safely, thereby giving it no further thought until the next day, when I heard on the news that a light plane had crashed by Rye Lake adjacent to the airport. Not knowing if it was in fact the same plane, I contacted the FAA office on Long Island to report what I saw, thinking that whatever information that I could supply might be helpful.

Other than what I have previously submitted, along with the contents of this statement, I am unfortunately unable to supply any further details. I hope whatever I have been able to offer is helpful in your investigation of this tragedy.

I make this statement knowing that you are relying on the accuracy of what I saw and heard and do affirm same to the best of my recollection.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Carparelli

cc: John Harris; Mahesh Gupta;  
Stanley Routh; Mark Burnett.