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Hearing Program
Docket No. 515
Thursday, June 29, 2023
2:00 p.m./6:30 p.m.
Zoom Remote Public Hearing

- I. Opening by Council
 - B. Administrative Notice taken by Council

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- C. State Agency comments
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- D. Municipal comments
- E. Telecommunications Carrier Comments
- II. Appearance by Applicant

Applicant: Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (VER)

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A. Administrative Notice.

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- B. Exhibits for Identification.
 - 1. Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need filed by Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, received March 17, 2023, and attachments and bulk file exhibits including:

Bulk file exhibits:

- a. Town of Wilton Zoning Regulations
- b. Town of Wilton Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations
- c. Town of Wilton Plan of Conservation and Development
- 2. Applicant's Affidavit of Publication in the *Norwalk Hour* Submission, dated March 20, 2023
- 3. Applicant's Responses to Council Interrogatories, Set One, dated May 18, 2023
- 4. Applicant's Sign Posting Affidavit, dated June 19, 2023
- 5. Applicant's Updated USFWS & NDDB Compliance Memorandum, dated June 20, 2023

C. Swear Witnesses

- 1. Timothy Parks, Real Estate/Regulatory Specialist, Verizon Wireless
- 2. Shiva Gadasu, Radio Frequency Engineer, Verizon Wireless
- 3. David Weinpahl, P.E., on Air Engineering, LLC
- 4. Brian Gaudet, Project Manager, All-Points Technology Corp. P.C.
- 5. Dean Gustafson, Senior Wetland Scientist and Professional Soil Scientist, All-Points Technology Corp. P.C.
- D. Full Exhibits Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.
- E. Cross Examination.
 - 1. Council
- III. Closing by Connecticut Siting Council.