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Docket No. 518
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Zoom Remote Public Hearing

I. Opening by Council

- A. Statement read by Presiding Officer.
- B. Administrative Notice taken by Council

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II. Appearance by Applicants

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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, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T and Tarpon Towers III, LLC, received August 22, 2023, and attachments and bulk file exhibits including:

Bulk file exhibits:

- a. Town of South Windsor Zoning Regulations
 - b. Town of South Windsor Zoning Map
 - c. Town of South Windsor Plan of Conservation and Development
 - d. Town of South Windsor Inland Wetland/Watercourse and Conservation Regulations
 - e. Technical Report
2. Applicants' Affidavit of Publication in the Journal Inquirer, dated September 15, 2023
 3. Applicants' Responses to Council Interrogatories, Set One, dated November 29, 2023
 4. Applicants' Sign Posting Affidavit, dated December 5, 2023
 5. Applicants' Signed Protective Order related to unredacted lease agreement, signed December 7, 2023

C. Swear Witnesses

1. Martin Lavin, Radio Frequency Engineer, C Squared Systems, LLC
2. Harry Carey, Director, External Affairs, AT&T
3. Keith Coppins, Tarpon Towers III, LLC
4. Douglas Roberts, Tarpon Towers III, LLC
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D. Full Exhibits - Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.

E. Cross Examination.

1. Council

III. Closing by Connecticut Siting Council.