

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

Docket No. 518

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T and
Tarpon Towers III, LLC, Application for a
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and
Public Need for the Construction, Maintenance, and
Operation of a Telecommunications Facility Located
at 99 Dart Hill Road, South Windsor, Connecticut.

Zoom Remote Public Hearing (Teleconference),
on Thursday, December 14, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

H e l d B e f o r e :

ROBERT SILVESTRI, The Hearing Officer

1 **A p p e a r a n c e s :**

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3 **ROBERT SILVESTRI, (Hearing Officer)**

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6 **DEEP Designee**

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9 **PURA Designee**

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15 **Executive Director and Staff Attorney**

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18 **Siting Analyst**

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20 **LISA FONTAINE,**

21 **Fiscal Administrative Officer**

1 (Begin: 6:30 p.m.)

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3 THE HEARING OFFICER: Ladies and gentlemen, good
4 evening. Could everyone hear me?

5 Super, thank you.

6 This hearing is called to order this
7 Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. My name
8 is Robert Silvestri, member and presiding officer
9 of the Connecticut Siting Council. Other members
10 of the Council are Brian Golembiewski, designee
11 for Commissioner Katie Dykes of the Department of
12 Energy and Environmental Protection; Steven
13 Cadwallader, designee for Chair Marissa Paslick
14 Gillett of the Public Utilities Regulatory
15 Authority; and Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

16 Members of the staff are Melanie Bachman,
17 Executive Director, staff attorney; Ifeanyi
18 Nwankwo, siting analyst; Lisa Fontaine, fiscal
19 administrative officer; and Dakota Lafountain,
20 clerk typist.

21 And if you haven't done so already, I'll ask
22 that everyone please mute their computer audio
23 and/or telephone at this time.

24 This is a continuation of a public hearing
25 that began at 2 p.m. this afternoon. A copy of

1 the prepared agenda is available on the Council's
2 Docket Number 518 webpage, along with the record
3 of this matter, the public hearing notice,
4 instructions for public access to this public
5 hearing, and the Council's citizens' guide to
6 Siting Council procedures.

7 This hearing is held pursuant to provisions
8 of Title 16 of the Connecticut General Statutes
9 and of the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act
10 upon an application from New Cingular Wireless
11 PCS, LLC, doing business as AT&T, and Tarpon
12 Towers III, LLC, for a certificate of
13 environmental compatibility and public need for
14 the construction, maintenance, and operation of a
15 telecommunications facility located at 99 Dart
16 Hill Road, South Windsor, Connecticut. This
17 application was received by the Council on August
18 22, 2023.

19 This application is also governed by the
20 Telecommunications Act of 1996, which is
21 administered by the Federal Communications
22 Commission. This act prohibits this Council from
23 considering the health effects of radiofrequency
24 emissions on human health and wildlife to the
25 extent the emissions from towers are within the

1 federal Acceptable Safe Limits Standard, which
2 standard is also followed by the State Department
3 of Public Health.

4 The Federal Act also prohibits the Council
5 from discriminating between and amongst providers
6 of functionally equivalent services. This means
7 that if one carrier already provides service for
8 an area, other carriers have a right to compete
9 and provide service in the same area.

10 The Council's legal notice of the date and
11 time of this public hearing was published in the
12 Journal Inquirer on September 16, 2023. Upon this
13 Council's request, the Applicants erected a sign
14 in the vicinity of the proposed site so as to
15 inform the public of the name of the Applicants,
16 the type of the facility, the public hearing date,
17 and contact information for the Council, which is
18 the website and the phone number.

19 As a reminder to all, off-the-record
20 communication with a member of the Council or a
21 member of the Council staff upon the merits of
22 this application is prohibited by law.

23 This public comment session is reserved for
24 members of the public who have signed up in
25 advance to make brief statements. These limited

1 appearance statements are not subject to questions
2 from the parties or the Council, and members of
3 the public making statements may not ask questions
4 of the parties or the Council.

5 In accordance with the public hearing notice,
6 and in fairness to everyone who signed up to
7 speak, these public statements will be limited to
8 three minutes. Now please be advised that written
9 comments may also be submitted by any person
10 within 30 days of this public hearing.

11 And I also wish to note that parties and
12 interveners, including their representatives,
13 witnesses, and members, are not allowed to
14 participate in the public comment session.

15 I also wish to note for those who are
16 listening and for the benefit of your friends and
17 neighbors who are unable to join us for this
18 remote public comment session that you or they may
19 send written statements to the Council within 30
20 days of the date hereof, and that's either by mail
21 or by e-mail.

22 And please be advised that any person may be
23 removed from this remote public comment session at
24 the discretion of the Council. We also ask that
25 each person making a limited appearance statement

1 in the proceedings to confine his or her
2 statements to the subject matter before the
3 Council, and to avoid unreasonable repetition so
4 that we may hear all of the concerns you and your
5 neighbors may have.

6 Please be advised that the Council cannot
7 answer questions from the public about this
8 proposal, and a verbatim transcript will be made
9 of this hearing and will be deposited at the South
10 Windsor Town Clerk's office for the convenience of
11 the public.

12 Now, at this time, I request the Applicants
13 to make a brief presentation to the public that
14 describes the proposed facility, and Mr. Roberts,
15 I'm not sure if that's you or Mr. Coppins or both.

16 DOUGLAS ROBERTS: I believe it's me. Thank you.

17 THE HEARING OFFICER: Very good. Please proceed.

18 DOUGLAS ROBERTS: Can I share my screen?

19 THE HEARING OFFICER: We could do that. There we go.

20 DOUGLAS ROBERTS: Okay, perfect. Thank you. My name
21 is Douglas Roberts, and this is regarding CT-1207,
22 South Windsor, on 99 Dart Hill Road. This is our
23 cover sheet.

24 I'll jump to the second sheet, which is
25 really the survey where you have Dart Hill Road at

1 this point with overhead lines running in a
2 northwest to southeast location. But you will
3 utilize an existing access that Eversource uses to
4 maintain their lines up to this point right here,
5 and at that point we're crossing underneath their
6 utilities into a wooded area for the location of
7 our site in this location -- come on, there.

8 Maybe? There. Sorry. A little delay here.

9 The location of the tower is subject to these
10 dimensions. And the sheet after that is probably
11 the more beneficial one, which shows the amount of
12 the -- the area of the compound that's being
13 developed within a lease area of 75 by 75, showing
14 the trees that are located -- being removed for
15 this installation and the access road and
16 turnaround itself.

17 The next sheet would show the tower
18 elevation, and we have a 165-foot tower, monopole
19 tower, with the top platform being utilized by the
20 Town of South Windsor and AT&T at 155. The left
21 plan shows the layout of the compound with the
22 town equipment on the slab, and AT&T's shelter and
23 backup power adjacent to it.

24 And the last sheet is just some details of
25 site development. Thank you very much.

1 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Mr. Roberts.

2 We will now call on Marlene Krajewski to make
3 a public comment?

4 MARLENE KRAJEWSKI: Hi. I don't have any public
5 comment to make. I just wanted to listen in.

6 Thank you.

7 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Thank you, Marlene.

8 Before closing this hearing, the Connecticut
9 Siting Council announces that briefs and proposed
10 findings of fact may be filed with the Council by
11 any party or intervener no later than January 19,
12 2024.

13 The submission of briefs or proposed findings
14 of fact are not required by this Council. Rather,
15 we leave it to the choice of the parties and
16 interveners. Anyone who has not become a party or
17 intervener but who desires to make his or her
18 views known to the Council may file written
19 statements with the Council within 30 days of the
20 date hereof.

21 The Council will issue draft findings of fact
22 and thereafter parties and interveners may
23 identify errors or inconsistencies between the
24 Council's draft findings of fact and the record.
25 However, no new information, no new evidence, no

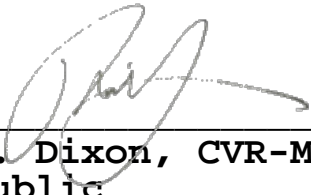
1 argument, and no reply briefs without our
2 permission will be considered by the Council.

3 Copies of the transcript of this hearing will
4 be filed at the South Windsor Town Clerk's office.
5 I hereby declare this hearing adjourned and I
6 thank you all for your participation, and have a
7 good evening. Thank you.

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9 (End: 6:39 p.m.)
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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing 10 pages are a complete and accurate computer-aided transcription of my original verbatim notes taken of the remote teleconference public hearing of THE CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL in Re: DOCKET NO. 518, NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC, d/b/a AT&T AND TARPON TOWERS III, LLC, APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY LOCATED AT 99 DART HILL ROAD, SOUTH WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT, which was held before Robert Silvestri, The Hearing Officer, on December 14, 2023.



Robert G. Dixon, CVR-M 857
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 6/30/2025

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