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Hearing Program

Docket No. 520

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2:00 p.m./6:30 p.m.

Zoom Remote Public Hearing

I. Opening by Council

A. Statement read by Presiding Officer.

B. Administrative Notice taken by Council

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B. Municipal comments

1. Town of Haddam Comments, dated March 21, 2024

II. Appearance by Applicants

Applicants: Homeland Towers LLC and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (APP)

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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 Homeland Towers, LLC and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, received November 29, 2023, and attachments and bulk file exhibits including:

Bulk file exhibits:

- a. Technical Report
 - b. Town of Haddam Zoning Regulations
 - c. Town of Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations
 - d. Town of Haddam Plan of Conservation and Development
2. Applicants' Affidavit of Publication in *The Hartford Courant*, dated December 7, 2023
 3. Applicants' Signed Protective Order Related to Unredacted Lease Agreement, dated January 4, 2024
 4. Applicants' Responses to Council Interrogatories, Set One, dated March 8, 2024
 5. Applicants' Sign Posting Affidavit, dated March 14, 2024

C. Swear Witnesses

1. Raymond Vergati, Regional Manager, Homeland Towers LLC
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3. Wesley Steven, Radio Frequency Engineer, Verizon Wireless
4. Robert Burns, P.E., All-Points Technology Corporation P.C.
5. Martin Brogie, Principal Environmental Scientist, Martin Brogie, Inc.
6. Brian Gaudet, Project Manager, All-Points Technology Corporation 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.