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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL**

**Docket No. 533**

**Tarpon Towers III, LLC, and Cellco Partnership  
d/b/a Verizon Wireless Application for a Certificate  
of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for  
the Construction, Maintenance, and Operation of a  
Telecommunications Facility and Associated Equipment  
Located at 161 Conrad Street, Naugatuck,  
Connecticut.**

**Zoom Remote Public Hearing (Teleconference),  
on Thursday, May 22, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

**H e l d   B e f o r e :**

**ELIN S. KATZ, ESQ., THE CHAIR**

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

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A p p e a r a n c e s:(cont'd)

For TARPON TOWERS & VERIZON WIRELESS:

ROBERT BURNS,

Civil Engineer

(Begin: 6:30 p.m.)

THE CHAIR: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. This hearing is called to order this Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

My name is Elin Katz, Chair of the Connecticut Siting Council. Other members of the Council are Brian Golembiewski, designee for Commissioner Katie Dykes of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; Quat Nguyen, designee for Chairman Marissa Paslick Gillett, Public Utilities Regulatory Authority; Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.; Chance Carter; Khristine Hall; and Bill Syme.

Members of the staff with us today are Executive Director Melanie Bachman, Siting Analyst Adam Marrone, and Administrative Support Lisa Fontaine.

If you haven't already done so, I ask everyone to please mute their computer audio or telephone now.

This is a continuation of a public hearing that began at 2 p.m. this afternoon. A copy of the prepared agenda is available on the Council's website, along with the record of this matter, the

1 public hearing notice, instructions for public  
2 access to this public hearing, and the Council's  
3 citizens guide to siting council procedures.

4 This hearing is being held pursuant to the  
5 provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut General  
6 Statutes and of the Uniform Administrative  
7 Procedures Act upon an application from Tarpon  
8 Towers III, LLC, and Cellco Partnership d/b/a  
9 Verizon Wireless for a certificate of  
10 environmental compatibility and public need for  
11 the construction, maintenance and operation of a  
12 telecommunications facility and associated  
13 equipment located at 161 Conrad Street, Naugatuck,  
14 Connecticut.

15 This application was received by the Council  
16 on March 21, 2025. The application is also  
17 governed by the Telecommunications Act of 1996,  
18 which is administered by the Federal  
19 Communications Commission. This act prohibits the  
20 Council from considering the health effects of  
21 radiofrequency emissions on human health and  
22 wildlife to the extent the emissions from towers  
23 are within the federally acceptable safe limits  
24 standard, which standard is also followed by the  
25 State Department of Public Health.

1           The federal act also prohibits this Council  
2 from discriminating between and amongst providers  
3 of functionally equivalent services. This means  
4 if one provider already provides service in an  
5 area, other carriers have a right to compete and  
6 provide service in the same area.

7           The Council's legal notice of the date and  
8 time of the public hearing was published in the  
9 Republican American on April 7, 2025.

10          Upon this Council's request, the Applicants  
11 erected a sign in the vicinity of the proposed  
12 site so as to inform the public of the name of the  
13 Applicants, the type of the facility, the public  
14 hearing date and contact information for the  
15 Council.

16          As a reminder, off-the-record communications  
17 with a member of the Council or a member of the  
18 Council's staff upon the merits of this  
19 application are prohibited by law.

20          This public comment session is reserved for  
21 members of the public who have signed up to make  
22 brief statements into the record. The deadline  
23 for the public to sign up to speak during this  
24 public comment session was Wednesday, May 21,  
25 2025. No member of the public has signed up to

1 speak.

2 Please be advised that written comments may  
3 be submitted by any person within 30 days of this  
4 hearing.

5 At this time, I'd ask the Applicants to make  
6 just a very brief presentation to the public  
7 describing the proposed facility.

8 Mr. Burns, would you like to take that?

9 ROBERT BURNS: Yes, thank you, Madam Chairman.

10 For the record, my name is Robert Burns. I'm  
11 a licensed civil engineer in the State of  
12 Connecticut, and I work for All-Points Technology  
13 Corporation with our office in Waterford,  
14 Connecticut. I'm here to present for Tarpon  
15 Towers and Verizon Wireless for the Conrad Street  
16 telecommunications facility.

17 The site address is at 161 Conrad Street,  
18 Naugatuck, Connecticut. The facility is to be  
19 located at a parcel on the northeast side of  
20 Conrad Street, which is currently occupied by two  
21 existing water tanks, which are set to be  
22 demolished.

23 Vehicle access to the facility will be from  
24 an upgraded existing curb cut on Conrad Street.  
25 The proposed facility is located in the northeast

1 corner of the parcel, which is currently a portion  
2 of the area occupied by the water tank facility.

3 Prior to the installation of the facility,  
4 the northern water tank will be demolished, and  
5 once the tower is constructed and the existing  
6 antennas from the southern tank have been located  
7 on the tower, the southern water tank will be  
8 demolished.

9 The proposed facility will be a 6,737  
10 square-foot facility -- a gravel surface compound,  
11 which is a portion of the existing facility. It  
12 will be surrounded by an eight-foot-high  
13 chain-link fence with a twelve-foot-wide access  
14 gate on the southeastern side. The fenced  
15 facility will be set back approximately ten feet  
16 from the existing fence adjacent to Conrad Street.

17 The proposed compound has been sized for four  
18 carriers; Verizon who will be the initial anchor,  
19 three future carriers, and an area for the  
20 municipal ground equipment.

21 Yeah, that's good.

22 Outside the fence on the southwestern side of  
23 the compound is a proposed utility area, which  
24 will include a utility backboard which will house  
25 the electric meters and an electric transformer



1       which will be surrounded by steel bollards for  
2       protection.

3               The proposed electric and telephone service  
4       that will feed the site will be installed  
5       underground beginning at a new utility pole to be  
6       placed in front of the existing facility on Conrad  
7       Street and run underground to the proposed  
8       facility.

9               Landscaping is proposed in front of the  
10       proposed facility between the proposed fence and  
11       Conrad Street and on the southeastern side of the  
12       proposed facility.

13              Inside the fence in the northern corner of  
14       the compound will be Verizon's ground equipment,  
15       which will include a 10-foot by 20-foot concrete  
16       pad with equipment cabinets and a 50-kW  
17       diesel-fired generator. In the center of the  
18       compound will be a 150-foot-tall monopole.

19              Verizon's plan is to install 18 panel  
20       antennas, 10 remote radios, and a surge protector,  
21       which we've mounted on a square platform, the  
22       centerline of which will be at the 140 mark. The  
23       tower will be designed for three additional future  
24       carriers at 12-foot intervals below Verizon's  
25       installation, and the top of the tower will be

1 reserved for the municipal antennas, which will  
2 include a 14-foot whip and two 17-foot whips.

3 The tower will be designed with a yield point  
4 so that in case of a catastrophic failure, the  
5 tower will collapse upon itself within the  
6 proposed facility.

7 That concludes my presentation. Thank you  
8 very much.

9 THE CHAIR: Thank you very much, Mr. Burns.

10 Before closing the hearing, I want to  
11 announce on behalf of the Siting Council that  
12 briefs and proposed findings of fact may be filed  
13 with the Council by any party or intervener no  
14 later than June 21, 2025. The submission of  
15 briefs or proposed findings of fact are not  
16 required by this Council, therefore we leave it to  
17 the choice of the parties or the interveners.

18 Anyone who is not a party or intervener but  
19 desires to make his or her views known to the  
20 Council may file written comments with the Council  
21 within 30 days of the date hereof.

22 The Council will issue draft findings of fact  
23 and thereafter parties and interveners may  
24 identify errors or inconsistencies between the  
25 Council's draft findings of fact and the record.

1       However, no new information, no new evidence, no  
2       arguments, and no reply briefs without our  
3       permission will be considered by the Council.

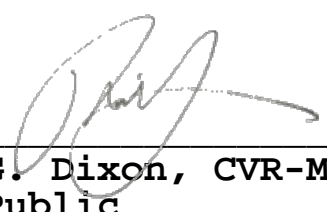
4               Copies of the transcript of this hearing will  
5       be filed in the Naugatuck Town Clerk's office.

6               I hereby declare this hearing adjourned, and  
7       thank you for your participation.

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

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing 11 pages are a complete and accurate computer-aided transcription of my original verbatim notes taken of the teleconference PUBLIC HEARING of THE CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL in Re: DOCKET NO. 533, TARPON TOWERS III, LLC, AND CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT 161 CONRAD STREET, NAUGATUCK, CONNECTICUT, which was held before ELIN S. KATZ, ESQ., THE CHAIR, on May 22, 2025.



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