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CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

Docket No. 536

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 78 Goshen East
Street, Norfolk, Connecticut.

Zoom Remote Public Hearing (Teleconference),
on Thursday, August 14, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

H e l d B e f o r e:

JOHN MORISSETTE, THE VICE CHAIR

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(Begin: 6:30 p.m.)

THE VICE CHAIR: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

This hearing is called to order this Thursday,
August 14, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

My name is John Morissette, Vice Chair of the
Connecticut Siting Council. Other members of the
council are Quat Nguyen, designee for Chairman
Marissa Paslick Gillett of the Public Utilities
Regulatory Authority; Chance Carter; and Khristine
Hall.

Members of the staff are Executive Director
Melanie Bachman, Siting Analyst Robert Mercier and
Administrative Support Lisa Fontaine. If you
haven't done so already, I ask everyone please
mute their computer audio and/or telephones now.

Thank you.

This is a continuation of the 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 a record of this matter, the
public hearing notice, instructions for public
access to this public hearing and the Council's
citizens guide to the Siting Council's procedures.

This hearing is held pursuant to the

1 provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut General
2 Statutes and of the Uniform Administrative
3 Procedure Act upon an application from Tarpon
4 Towers III, LLC, and Cellco Partnership d/b/a
5 Verizon Wireless for a certificate of
6 environmental compatibility and public need for
7 the construction, maintenance and operation of a
8 telecommunications facility and associated
9 equipment located at 78 Goshen East Street,
10 Norfolk, Connecticut. This application was
11 received by the Council on April 17, 2025.

12 This application is also governed by the
13 Telecommunications Act of 1996, which is
14 administered by the Federal Communications
15 Commission. This act prohibits the Council from
16 considering the health effects of radiofrequency
17 emissions on human health and wildlife to the
18 extent the emissions from towers are within the
19 federal acceptable safe limits standards, which
20 standards are also followed by the State
21 Department of Public Health.

22 The federal act also prohibits this Council
23 from discriminating between and amongst providers
24 of functionally equivalent services. This means
25 that if one carrier provides service for an area,

1 other carriers have the right to compete and
2 provide service in the same area.

3 The Council's legal notice of the date and
4 time of this public hearing was published in the
5 Republican American on May 19, 2025. Upon this
6 Council's request, the Applicants erected signs at
7 the driveway of 78 Goshen East Street and the
8 proposed site access drive at Estey Road so as to
9 inform the public of the name of the Applicants,
10 the type of facility, the public hearing date and
11 contact information for the Council, including the
12 website and phone number.

13 As a reminder to all, off-the-record
14 communication with a member of the Council or a
15 member of the Council's staff upon the merits of
16 this application is prohibited by law.

17 This public comment session is reserved for
18 members of the public who have signed up to make
19 brief statements into the record. The deadline
20 for the public to sign up to speak during the
21 public comment session was Wednesday, August 13,
22 2025. No member of the public signed up to speak.

23 Please be advised that written comments may
24 be submitted by any person within 30 days of this
25 public hearing.

1 I request the Applicants to make a brief
2 presentation to the public describing the proposed
3 facility. I understand Attorney Baldwin has the
4 privilege of making the presentation this evening.

5 Attorney Baldwin, good evening.

6 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Good evening, Vice Chair Morissette.
7 Thank you very much. A pleasure to be with you
8 this evening.

9 Again, my name is Ken Baldwin. I'm a lawyer
10 at Robinson & Cole and I represent the Applicant
11 in Docket Number 536, Tarpon Towers III, LLC, and
12 Cellco partnership doing business as Verizon
13 Wireless.

14 The proposal by the Applicant is to construct
15 a telecommunications facility in the westerly
16 portion of a parcel at 78 Goshen East Street in
17 South Norfolk, Connecticut. The facility will
18 provide service to Verizon Wireless customers to
19 an area of greater than 20 square miles in
20 Southern Norfolk.

21 The facility will consist of a 186-foot-tall
22 lattice tower, again in the westerly portion of
23 the property as shown here on the site schematic.
24 Access to the facility, also shown on the
25 schematic, will extend from Estey Road a distance

1 of approximately 940 feet to the proposed tower
2 site.

3 If we could go to the next slide, please?

4 The facility will consist of a lattice tower,
5 as mentioned, in the center of a 73-foot by
6 73-foot fenced facility compound. Within that
7 compound, in addition to the tower, Verizon
8 Wireless will install equipment and battery
9 cabinets and a propane-fueled backup generator.
10 Those are located on this plan in the
11 upper-left-hand portion of the facility compound.

12 In the upper-right-hand portion of the
13 facility compound is a 1,000-gallon propane tank
14 which would be used to fuel the generator which
15 would be utilized only when commercial power to
16 the facility was interrupted.

17 Thank you Mr. Morissette.

18 THE VICE CHAIR: Thank you Attorney Baldwin.

19 Before closing this hearing, the Connecticut
20 Siting Council announces that briefs and proposed
21 findings of fact may be filed with the Council by
22 any party or intervener no later than September
23 13, 2025. The submission of briefs or proposed
24 findings of fact are not required by this Council.
25 Rather, we leave it to the choice of the parties

1 and interveners.

2 Anyone who has not become a party or
3 intervener but who desires to make his or her
4 views known to the Council may file written
5 statements to the Council within 30 days of the
6 date hereof.

7 The Council will issue draft findings of fact
8 and thereafter parties and interveners may
9 identify errors or inconsistencies between the
10 Council's draft findings of fact and the record.
11 However, no new information, no new evidence, no
12 arguments, and no reply briefs without our
13 permission will be considered by the Council.

14 Copies of the transcript of this hearing will
15 be filed at the Norfolk Town Clerk's office.

16 I hereby declare this hearing adjourned.
17 Thank you, everyone, for your participation and
18 have a pleasant evening.

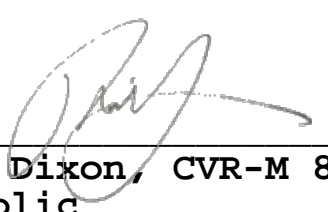
19 Thank you.

20 ATTORNEY BALDWIN: Thank you.

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22 (End: 6:37 p.m.)
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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing 9 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. 536, 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 78 GOSHEN EAST STREET, NORFOLK, CONNECTICUT, which was held before JOHN MORISSETTE, THE VICE CHAIR, on August 14, 2025.



Robert G. Dixon, CVR-M 857
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 6/30/2030