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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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  - C. State Agency comments
    - 1. Connecticut Airport Authority Comments, dated April 14, 2021
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## II. Joint Appearance by Applicant and Intervenor

Applicant: Diamond Towers V, LLC (DT-V)

Representatives: Christopher B. Fisher, Esq.

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Intervenor: Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (VER)

Representative: Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.

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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 Diamond Towers V, LLC, received March 11, 2021, and attachments and bulk file exhibits including:

## Bulk file exhibits:

- a. Cheshire Connecticut 2016 Plan of Conservation and Development
- b. Town of Cheshire Zoning Regulations
- c. Town of Cheshire Zoning Map
- d. Town of Cheshire Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations
- e. Technical Report
- 2. Verizon's Petition to Intervene, dated March 16, 2021
- 3. Applicant's Affidavit of Publication, dated March 24, 2021
- 4. Applicant's Responses to Council Interrogatories, Set One, dated May 3, 2021
- 5. Applicant's Sign Posting Affidavit, dated May 4, 2021
- 6. Applicant's Witness Resumes, dated May 4, 2021
- 7. Verizon's Responses to Council Interrogatories, Set One, dated May 4, 2021
- 8. Protective Order related to unredacted lease agreement, signed May 6, 2021

#### C. Swear Witnesses

- Scott Von Rein, Vice President of Construction & Engineering-Utility Assets, Diamond Communications
- 2. Tyler Peters, Business Development Manager, Diamond Communications
- 3. Robert Burns, P.E., Project Manager, All Points Technology Corp. P.C.
- 4. Brian Gaudet, P.E., Project Manager, All Points Technology Corp. P.C.
- 5. Ziad Cheiban, Radio Frequency Engineer, Verizon Wireless
- 6. Tim Parks, Real Estate Regulatory Specialist, Verizon Wireless
- D. Full Exhibits Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.
- E. Cross Examination.
  - 1. Council
- III. Closing by Connecticut Siting Council.