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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

August 19, 2019

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RE: **DOCKET NO. 486** - Tarpon Towers II, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 796 Woodin Street, Hamden, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Marino:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than September 9, 2019. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available.

Please forward an original and 15 copies to this office, as well as send a copy via electronic mail. In accordance with the State Solid Waste Management Plan and in accordance with Section 16-50j-12 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies the Council is requesting that all filings be submitted on recyclable paper, primarily regular weight white office paper. Please avoid using heavy stock paper, colored paper, and metal or plastic binders and separators. Fewer copies of bulk material may be provided as appropriate.

Please be advised that the original and 15 copies are required to be submitted to the Council's office on or before the September 9, 2019 deadline.

Copies of your responses shall be provided to all parties and intervenors listed on the service list, which can be found on the Council's website under the "Pending Matters" link.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Parties and Intervenors



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Pre-Hearing Questions to Tarpon Towers II, LLC
Set Two
August 19, 2019

Site Search

10. Application p. 2 states Verizon intends to relocate from an existing tower on West Rock Ridge to the proposed site. Using the Site Location Map provided in the Application Executive Summary, indicate the location of both the Proposed Site and Verizon's existing West Rock Ridge site.
11. Application p. 17 states Tarpon consulted with "other wireless carriers" regarding a lack of tower/structures in the proposed site area. What other carriers indicated a need for an additional facility in this area?
12. For the sites listed in Application Exhibit G, when was the approximate date of contact or attempted contact for each? For Sites Investigated 1 & 2, identify the person(s) who contacted the landowners.

Site/Tower

13. Referring to Applicant Exhibit E, Sheet C-2- Miscellaneous Table, provide the following:
 - a) direction and address of the nearest residential structure; and
 - b) point of reference for each value e.g., compound or tower.
14. Referring to Application Exhibit K, p. 3 of the Heritage Consultants letter dated June 12, 2018 mentions the access road was realigned. What was the original access road route and why was it realigned?
15. Referring to Application p. 32, how is the cost of the tower construction and subsequent operation recovered?
16. Quantify the approximate amount of cut and fill that would be required to develop the proposed facility.
17. Would blasting be required to develop the site?
18. What measures are proposed to ensure security and deter vandalism? (Including alarms, gates, locks, anti-climb fence design, etc.)
19. Would construction and operation of the site comply with applicable safety standards and/or codes?

Environmental

20. Is any portion of the proposed facility on prime farmland soils, as mapped by the CT Natural Resource Conservation Service? If so, estimate the amount of mapped prime farmland soils that would be impacted by the proposed facility.
21. What is the distance from the nearest wetland/watercourse to the **limit of the construction** for the compound/parking area?
22. Application Exhibit M contains a Wetland Inspection Map that depicts a 70-foot by 40-foot compound. Revise the map to account for the 70-foot by 70 foot compound, as identified in Interrogatory Response #8.
23. Application Exhibit M contains a Wetland Inspection Map that shows the proposed site between a watercourse and a narrow wetland area. Was a tower site northwest of the proposed location considered in order to maintain an undisturbed forested area between wetlands /watercourses in the southeast portion of the parcel?
24. Is the proposed facility within a Department of Energy and Environmental Protection-designated Aquifer Protection Area?
25. Referring to Interrogatory Response #9, what does the 240 feet above mean sea level figure represent?
26. If Interrogatory Response #8 states the compound is 70 feet by 70 feet, why did the public notice in Interrogatory Reponses Set 1, Attachment 1 list a 70-foot by 40-foot compound?