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RE: **EM-AT&T-009-160922** – AT&T notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 38 Spring Hill Lane, Bethel, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Seeley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of completion of construction for the above-referenced facility on February 10, 2020. Thank you for providing this information.

The Council approved the above referenced request for exempt modification in a Decision Letter dated October 11, 2016 (enclosed) with the following conditions:

1. Prior to commencement of installation, AT&T shall provide one copy of the Structural Analysis Report to the Council referencing Revision G of the Structural Standards for Steel Antenna Towers and Antenna Supporting Structures as adopted by the Connecticut State Building Code effective October 1, 2016;
2. Reinforcements shall be installed in accordance with the Structural Analysis Report and associated drawings prepared by Bennett & Pless, Inc. dated August 12, 2016 and stamped by Paul E. Grupe or subsequent Structural Analysis Report in accordance with Revision G as stated in the condition above; and
3. Within 45 days following completion of equipment installation, AT&T shall provide documentation certified by a Professional Engineer that its installation complied with the recommendations of the structural analysis.

The completion notice does not contain documentation certified by a Professional Engineer that AT&T's installation is in compliance with the conditions referenced above.

Therefore, the completion notice is not in compliance with the conditions of approval at this time.

The Council recommends that Empire Telecom provide the above referenced documentation on or before March 20, 2020. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to March 20, 2020.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 860-827-2951.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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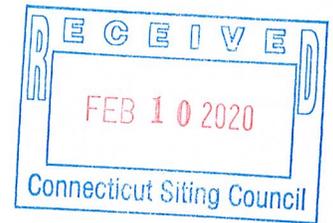
Enclosures: Completion Letter dated February 3, 2020
Council Decision Letter dated October 11, 2016





February 3, 2020

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051



RE: EM-AT&T-009-160922 – 38 Spring Hill Road, Bethel, CT

COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Dear Ms. Bachman:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Siting Council that construction activity associated with the above-referenced decisions has been completed.

If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding this facility, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Carolyn Seeley

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ORIGINAL

The proposed modifications including the placement of all necessary equipment and shelters within the tower compound are to be implemented as specified here and in your notice dated September 21, 2016. The modifications are in compliance with the exception criteria in Section 16-50j-72 (b) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies as changes to an existing facility site that would not increase tower height, extend the boundaries of the tower site by any dimension, increase noise levels at the tower site boundary by six decibels or more, and increase the total radio frequencies electromagnetic radiation power density measured at the tower site boundary to or above the standards adopted by the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to Section 704 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and by the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 22a-162. This facility has also been carefully modeled to ensure that radio frequency emissions are conservatively below state and federal standards applicable to the frequencies now used on this tower.

This decision is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Council. Please be advised that the validity of this action shall expire one year from the date of this letter. Any additional change to this facility will require explicit notice to this agency pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-73. Such notice shall include all relevant information regarding the proposed change with cumulative worst-case modeling of radio frequency exposure at the closest point of uncontrolled access to the tower base, consistent with Federal Communications Commission, Office of Engineering and Technology, Bulletin 65. Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,



Melanie A. Bachman
Acting Executive Director

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c: The Honorable Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman, Town of Bethel
Steven Palmer, Director/Town Planner, Town of Bethel
Blue Sky Towers, LLC