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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 9, 2019

Jake Shappy
Transcend Wireless
10 Industrial Avenue, Suite 3
Mahwah, NJ 07430

RE: **EM-SPRINT-061-191007** – Sprint notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 330 Pokorny Road, Haddam, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Shappy:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on October 7, 2019.

According to Section 16-50j-71 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, "...any modification, as defined in Section 16-50j-2a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, to an existing tower site, except as specified in Sections 16-50j-72 and 16-50j-88 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, may have a substantial adverse environmental effect."

Staff has reviewed this exempt modification request for completeness and has identified deficiencies in the request.

- 1) The Structural Analysis Report (SA) prepared by Centek Engineering and last revised October 31, 2018 (Rev.1) references the 2012 International Building Code (IBC) and the 2016 Connecticut State Building Code (CSBC); however, the State of Connecticut has adopted the 2015 IBC as amended in the 2018 CSBC effective October 1, 2018; and
- 2) No mount analysis is included with the request for exempt modification; therefore, it is unclear whether additional reinforcements would be required for the antenna mount, which would alter the proposed loading on the structure and require an updated structural analysis report.

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Transcend Wireless provide a SA that comports with the 2018 CSBC and a mount analysis for the proposed modification that is stamped and signed by a professional engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut and, if applicable, an updated Structural Analysis Report accounting for any required antenna mount modifications on or before November 12, 2019. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to November 12, 2019. **Please provide an electronic version and one hard copy of the requested information for the incomplete exempt modification to be rendered complete and processed. Please include the Council's exempt modification identification number referenced above with the submittal.**

This notice of incompleteness shall have the effect of tolling the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 60-day timeframe in accordance with Paragraph 217 of the FCC Wireless Infrastructure Report and Order issued on October 21, 2014 (FCC 14-153).



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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melanie Bachman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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c: The Honorable Lizz Milardo, First Selectman, Town of Haddam
Bill Warner, Town Planner, Town of Haddam