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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

June 1, 2020

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.  
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RE: **EM-VER-061-200423** – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 330 Pokorny Road, Haddam, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) hereby denies your request to modify the above-referenced existing telecommunications facility, pursuant to Section 16-50j-73 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

This exempt modification request was submitted to the Council on April 23, 2020. Council staff reviewed this request for completeness and had identified a deficiency that was more fully described in a notice of incompleteness letter/e-mail to the requesting entity dated April 28, 2020 (attached) and recommended that Robinson & Cole provide an updated Structural Analysis Report that includes proposed and approved equipment by Verizon and other entities that are located at this facility and complies with the current 2018 CSBC on or before May 29, 2020. To date the Council has not received the requested information.

Thus, the proposed modification is not in compliance with the exemption criteria in Section 16-50j-72 (b) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and is hereby denied.

Sincerely,

*s/ Melanie A. Bachman*

Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director

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Enclosure: Council Incomplete Letter Dated April 28, 2020

c: The Honorable Robert McGarry, First Selectman, Town of Haddam  
Bill Warner, Town Planner, Town of Haddam



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April 28, 2020

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RE: **EM-VER-061-200423** – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 330 Pokorny Road, Haddam, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on April 23, 2020.

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 a deficiency in the Structural Analysis Report prepared by Paul J. Ford and Company and dated April 15, 2020. The above-referenced document cites the 2016 Connecticut State Building Code (CSBC); however, the State of Connecticut has adopted the 2018 CSBC effective October 1, 2018.

Also, the Council had acknowledged a request for exempt modification from Sprint for the same facility on November 18, 2019. The above-referenced request for exempt modification does not include Sprint's approved equipment. Please see Sprint's exempt modification filing for this facility, which may be found on the Council's website under the Decisions page for the Town of Haddam under the filing number EM-SPRINT-061-191007 or by following the link:

[https://www.ct.gov/csc/lib/csc/ems/haddam\\_aka\\_higganum/pokornyroad/sprint/em-sprint-061-191007\\_filing\\_pokornyrd.pdf](https://www.ct.gov/csc/lib/csc/ems/haddam_aka_higganum/pokornyroad/sprint/em-sprint-061-191007_filing_pokornyrd.pdf)

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Robinson & Cole provide an updated Structural Analysis Report that includes proposed and approved equipment by Verizon and other entities that are located at this facility and comports with the current 2018 CSBC on or before May 29, 2020. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to May 29, 2020. **Please provide an electronic version 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,

*s/ Melanie A. Bachman*

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Executive Director

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