



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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February 4, 2016

Jon Ritter  
TRM, Inc.  
16 Chestnut Street  
Suite 220  
Foxboro, MA 02035

RE: **EM-T-MOBILE-084-160125** – T-Mobile Northeast LLC notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 438 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Ritter:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on January 25, 2016.

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."

According to Section 16-50j-73 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, "...the owner or operator of any tower and associated equipment claiming such tower and associated equipment is exempt pursuant to section 16-50j-72 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies shall give the Council, the property owner of record, if the property owner of record is different from the owner or operator of the tower and associated equipment, and the chief elected official of the municipality in which the facility is to be located, notice in writing prior to construction."

Council staff has identified the following discrepancies:

- The chief elected official of the municipality in which the facility is located must be a recipient of the exempt modification notice. Currently, only the City of Milford is mentioned.
- The tower owner is not specified, so it is unclear whether they have been notified.
- The documentation provided is inconsistent. The cover letter states that three new antennas would be installed. The structural analysis states that six existing antennas would be removed, and three new antennas would be installed. The construction drawings state that three existing antennas would be removed, and six new antennas would be installed. Please provide revised documentation with a consistent narrative for the proposed modifications.

Therefore, the notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility is incomplete at this time. 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).

The Council recommends that T-Mobile provide information to clarify or fulfill the deficiencies noted above on or before February 18, 2016.

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

Very truly yours,

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  
Acting Executive Director

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c: The Honorable Benjamin G. Blake, Mayor, City of Milford  
David Sulkis, City Planner, City of Milford