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February 24, 2020

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RE: **EM-AT&T-104-170323** – AT&T notice of completion of construction for an existing telecommunications facility located at 292 Plain Hill Road, Norwich, 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 April 10, 2017 (enclosed) with the following conditions:

1. The tower shall be reinforced in accordance with the Tower Modification and Design Drawings prepared by Tower Engineering Solutions dated 09/13/16 and stamped by Hanming You; and
2. Within 45 days following completion of the equipment installation, AT&T shall provide documentation certified by a Professional Engineer that its installation complied with the recommendations presented in 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 27, 2020. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to March 27, 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 April 10, 2017

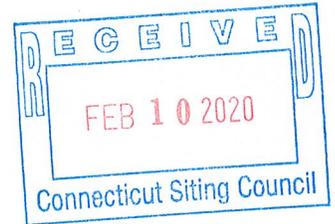
c: Romina Kirchmaier, Smartlink





February 3, 2020

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**RE: EM-AT&T-104-170323** – 300 Plain Hill Road Norwich, 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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RE: **EM-AT&T-104-170323** – AT&T notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 292 Plain Hill Road, Norwich, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Kirchmaier:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) hereby acknowledges your notice to modify this existing telecommunications facility, pursuant to Section 16-50j-73 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies with the following conditions:

1. The tower shall be reinforced in accordance with the Tower Modification and Design Drawings prepared by Tower Engineering Solutions dated 09/13/16 and stamped by Hanming You;
2. Within 45 days following completion of the equipment installation, AT&T shall provide documentation certified by a Professional Engineer that its installation complied with the recommendations presented in the Structural Analysis;
3. Any deviation from the proposed modification as specified in this notice and supporting materials with the Council shall render this acknowledgement invalid;
4. Any material changes to this modification as proposed shall require the filing of a new notice with the Council;
5. Within 45 days after completion of construction, the Council shall be notified in writing that construction has been completed;
6. Any nonfunctioning antenna and associated antenna mounting equipment on this facility owned and operated by AT&T shall be removed within 60 days of the date the antenna ceased to function;
7. The validity of this action shall expire one year from the date of this letter; and
8. The applicant may file a request for an extension of time beyond the one year deadline provided that such request is submitted to the Council not less than 60 days prior to the expiration.

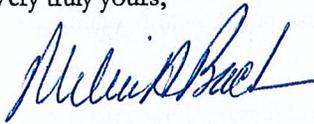
The proposed modifications including the placement of all necessary equipment and shelters within the tower compound are to be implemented as specified here and in your notice dated March 8, 2017 and additional information received April 3, 2017. The modifications are in compliance with the exception 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  
Executive Director

MAB/RDM/bm

c: The Honorable Deb Hinchey, Mayor, City of Norwich  
John L. Salomone, City Manager, City of Norwich  
Deanna Rhodes, City Planner, City of Norwich  
SBA Communications, Tower Owner  
Kelvin H. Scott, Property Owner