



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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June 28, 2019

Benjamin Pelletier  
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Elkridge, MD 21075

**RE: TS-DISH-162-190626** - Dish Network Northeast, LLC (Dish) request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 428 Platt Hill Road, Winsted (a/k/a Winchester) Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Pelletier:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received the tower share request for the above-referenced facility on June 26, 2019.

According to Section 16-50j-90 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, “no tower share application shall be approved until a complete application containing all information deemed relevant by the Council has been filed. Relevant information shall at a minimum include that listed in Section 16-50j-89 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies...”

Staff has reviewed this tower share request for completeness and has identified a deficiency in the request due to lack of notice. The Council issued a memorandum on June 22, 2017 to entities requesting exempt modifications requiring a copy of the entire notice and attachments be physically mailed to the chief elected official of the host municipality and the underlying property owner and proof of such mailing shall be submitted to the Council with the request for tower sharing. See attached. On January 17, 2017, the Council issued a memorandum to telecommunications carriers and their representatives stating that notice of requests for exempt modification or tower share also be submitted to the respective Planning and Zoning Department.

The above referenced tower share request lacks proof that the entire request was physically mailed to the underlying property owner, the Planning and Zoning Department and the chief elected official of the Town. The Council also requires a specification sheet for the proposed LTE backhaul antenna to be mounted on the steel platform at grade. Also, if the referenced backhaul antenna is a transmit antenna, a radio frequency (RF) emissions analysis consistent with all other proposed antennas at the facility must be provided.

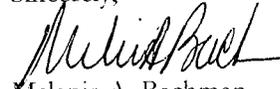
Therefore, the tower share request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Dish Network provide proof of proper notice of this tower share request to the underlying property owner, the chief elected official and Planning and Zoning Department of the Town, and provide a specification sheet and RF emissions analysis for the LTE backhaul antenna referenced above, on or before July 10, 2019. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to July 10, 2019.



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,



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Executive Director

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- c: Council Members  
The Honorable Althea Candy Perez, Mayor, Town of Winchester  
Robert Geiger, Town Manager, Town of Winchester  
Craig Sanden, Planning and Zoning Chairman, Town of Winchester