



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION  
Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

December 16, 2020

Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council  
Ten Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

RE: **PETITION NO. 1435** - The Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed replacement and extension of an existing telecommunications facility located at property owned by the Connecticut Department of Transportation off Leetes Island Road, Branford, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Bachman:

The Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) has provided the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) responses to the Interrogatories submitted on December 2, 2020. However, due to the difficulty of scheduling during the current pandemic, we do not expect to have the visual impact assessment (requested in Question #9) before the end of the year. Pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the agency respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension of the deadline to submit the assessment.

We fully expect to receive the report in the first or second week of January and will forward to the Council upon receipt.

Sincerely,

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