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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

December 2, 2020

Mark Gorka
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Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
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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 Mr. Gorka:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) requests your responses to the enclosed questions no later than December 18, 2020. To help expedite the Council's review, please file individual responses as soon as they are available. At this time, consistent with the Council's policy to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, please submit an electronic copy only to siting.council@ct.gov. However, please be advised that the Council may later request one or more hard copies for records retention purposes.

Any request for an extension of time to submit responses to interrogatories shall be submitted to the Council in writing pursuant to §16-50j-22a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie Bachman

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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Petition No. 1435
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
Leetes Island Road
Branford, Connecticut

Interrogatories

1. What is the distance/direction to the nearest residence?
2. Quantify the amounts of cut and fill that would be required to develop the proposed facility.
3. Would the tower and foundation be designed to accommodate an increase in tower height?
4. What is the maximum height of the proposed facility, including whip antennas?
5. When was the existing monopole constructed?
6. What is DESPP's estimated time frame for the removal of the existing monopole?
7. The antenna and transmission data provided on page 5 of the radio frequency radiation report does not include the no. of channels being utilized for transmission. Please provide the number of channels for each antenna system that would be installed on the proposed tower.
8. What is the anticipated run time of the emergency backup generator before re-fueling is necessary?
9. If available, please provide any visual assessment materials that were prepared for the proposed facility.
10. Has DESPP received a response from the State Historic Preservation Office regarding the proposed project? If so, please provide a copy of the response.