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December 14, 2017

Anne Marie Zsamba, Esq. Crown Castle Real Estate Specialist 3 Corporate Park Drive, Suite 101 Clifton Park, NY 12065

RE: **EM-VER-014-181213** – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 850 West Main Street, Branford, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Zsamba:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on December 13, 2017.

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."

Staff has reviewed this exempt modification request for completeness and has identified a deficiency in the filing due to lack of notice to the municipal planning and zoning department. Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council's January 17, 2017 memorandum is attached for your convenience.

The Council recommends that Crown Castle provide evidence that notice was provided to the municipal planning and zoning department on or before January 14, 2019. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to January 14, 2019.

This notice of incompletion 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,

Melanie Bachman Executive Director

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Enclosures: January 17, 2017 Memo to Carriers on P & Z.

c: The Honorable James B. Cosgrove, First Selectman, Town of Branford Harry Smith, Town Planner, Town of Branford

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

MEMORANDUM

Telecommunications Carriers and their Representatives

From: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director

Exempt Modification/Tower Share Filing Submissions to Municipal Planning and Zoning Officials Re:

Date: January 17, 2017

To:

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 16-50j-73 and §16-50j-88, the April 2013 Filing Guide for Modification of Existing Telecommunications Facilities, and the August 2013 Tower Share Filing Guide, a copy of the notice of request for an exempt modification shall be sent to the chief elected official of the municipality in which the facility is located. The Connecticut Siting Council requests that notice of request for an exempt modification or tower share also be submitted to the respective Planning and Zoning Department, effective immediately.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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