

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

December 9, 2020

Victoria Masse Northeast Site Solutions 42 Main Street, Unit 2 Sturbridge, MA 01566

RE: **EM-T-MOBILE-025-201119** – T-Mobile notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 751 Higgins Road, Cheshire, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Masse:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence of December 3, 2020 submitted in response to the Council's December 8, 2020 notification of an incomplete request for exempt modification with regard to the above-referenced matter.

The submission renders the request for exempt modification complete and the Council will process the request in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission 60-day timeframe.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

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From: Deborah Chase <deborah@northeastsitesolutions.com>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 1:16 PM
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Subject: RE: CT11220A-ANCHOR-Fwd: Council Incomplete Letter for EM-T-MOBILE-025-201119 (751 Higgins Road, Cheshire)

Siting Council Please see attached revised cover letter stating 5G capabilities. Thank you very much



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December 4, 2020

Members of the Siting Council Connecticut Siting Council Ten Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

RE: Notice of Exempt Modification 751 Higgins Road, Cheshire CT 06410 Latitude: 41.487600 Longitude: -72.92920 T-Mobile Site#: CT11220A_Anchor

Dear Ms. Bachman:

Please accept this revised letter for 751 Higgins Road, Cheshire. EM-T-Mobile-025-201119 (attached).

T-Mobile currently maintains six (6) antennas at the 212-foot level of the existing 250-foot self-support tower at 751 Higgins Road, Cheshire CT. The 250-foot tower and property are both owned by AT&T. T-Mobile now intends to replace six (6) of its existing antennas with two (2) new 2500 MHz antenna and two (2) new 600/700/1900/2100 MHz antenna, and two (2) new 1900/2100 antenna. Some of the antenna being installed are 5G technology. The new antennas would be installed at the 212-foot level of the tower.

Planned Modifications:

Remove: (2) TMA (2) RRUS11 B12

Remove and Replace: (2) 15' Antenna Mount Frame – (2) 12.5' Antenna Mount Frame (REPLACE) (2)AIR21 Antenna (REMOVE) - (2) AIR6449 B41 Antenna 2500 MHz 5G Antenna (REPLACE) (2)APX16DWV Antenna (REMOVE) – (2) APXVAARR24_600/700/1900/2100 MHz 5G Antenna (REPLACE) (2)AIR21 Antenna (REMOVE) - (2) AIR32 B66A/B2A Antenna 1900/2100 MHz (REPLACE)

Install New: (3) RRU 4415 B25 (3) RRU 4449 B12 (2) Diplexers (2) Hybrid Lines (2) Antenna Mount Frame



Existing to Remain: (2) Fiber Hybrid Line (2) RRUS11 B4

This facility was approved by the Town of Cheshire –on July 10, 1967. The approval did not come with conditions. Please see attached original approval.

Please accept this letter as notification pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies§ 16- SOj-73, for construction that constitutes an exempt modification pursuant to R.C.S.A. § 16-50j-72(b)(2). In accordance with R.C.SA. § 16-SOj-73, a copy of this letter is being sent to Sean Kimball, Town Manager, Elected and William Voelker, Town Planner for the Town of Cheshire, as well as the property owner and the tower owner.

The planned modifications to the facility fall squarely within those activities explicitly provided for in R.C.S;A. § 16-50j-72(b)(2).

1. The proposed modifications will not result in an increase in the height of the existing structure.

2. The proposed modifications will not require the extension of the site boundary.

3. The proposed modifications will not increase noise levels at the facility by six decibels or more, or to levels that exceed state and local criteria.

4. The operation of the replacement antennas will not increase radio frequency emissions at the facility to a level at or above the Federal Communications Commission safety standard.

5. The proposed modifications will not cause a change or alteration in the physical or environmental characteristics of the site.

6. The existing structure and its foundation can support the proposed loading.

For the foregoing reasons, T-Mobile respectfully submits that the proposed modifications to the above referenced telecommunications facility constitute an exempt modification under R.C.S.A. § 16-50j-72(b)(2).

Sincerely, Victoria Masse Mobile: 860-306-2326 Fax: 413-521-0558 Office: 420 Main Street, Unit 2, Sturbridge MA 01566 Email: victoria@northeastsitesolutions.com



Attachments

cc: Sean Kimball – Cheshire Town Manager William Voelker – Town Planner AT&T - as property and tower owner



VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

December 3, 2020

Victoria Masse Northeast Site Solutions 42 Main Street, Unit 2 Sturbridge, MA 01566

RE: **EM-T-MOBILE-025-201119** – T-Mobile notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 751 Higgins Road, Cheshire, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Masse:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on November 19, 2020.

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 request. The exempt modification request lacks a description of the wireless services to be provided, including, but not limited to, any 5G services and those frequencies associated with 5G services as stated in the Council's memorandum to Telecommunications Industry Representatives dated October 26, 2020 (attached).

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Northeast Site Solutions provide a statement clarifying if 5G services or frequencies associated with 5G services are part of the proposed modifications, on or before January 4, 2021. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to January 4, 2021. Please provide an electronic version of the requested information for the incomplete exempt modification to be rendered complete and processed. Please include the Council's exempt modification identification number referenced above with the submittal.

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,

s/ Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie Bachman Executive Director

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Enclosure: Council's memo dated October 26, 2020 to Telecommunications Industry Representatives



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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 26, 2020

TO: Telecommunications Industry Representatives

FROM: Melanie A. Bachman, Executive Director MAB

RE: Exempt Modification/Tower Share Filings

Pursuant to Section 16-50aa of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) shall issue an order approving shared use of a telecommunications facility if the proposed shared use of the facility is technically, legally, environmentally and economically feasible and meets public safety concerns.

Pursuant to Section 16-50j-72(b)(2) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, changes on an existing telecommunications tower site that meet the regulatory criteria shall not constitute a modification.

The Council is receiving inquiries from the municipalities and the public as to whether the equipment associated with requests for tower sharing and/or exempt modifications will provide 5G services.

Effective immediately, the Council hereby requests that a description of the wireless services to be provided by a proposed equipment installation, including, but not limited to, any 5G services and those frequencies associated with 5G services, be specifically identified in requests for tower sharing and requests for exempt modifications.

Pursuant to Sections 16-50j-39a and 16-50j-90, no request shall be approved until a complete submission containing all information deemed relevant by the Council has been filed.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.