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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

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MJ Umali  
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RE: **EM-VER-031-210821** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 36 Toomey Road (a/k/a 36 Mohawk Mountain), Cornwall, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Umali:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received this notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on August 21, 2021.

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 deficiencies in the request.

1. Centerline Communications provided UPS Ground labels to the Chief Elected Official and underlying property owner; however, the Council issued memoranda on June 22, 2017 and July 12, 2021 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 exempt modification. See attached. The above referenced request for exempt modification lacks proof that the entire request was physically mailed to the Chief Elected Official and underlying property owner.
2. The exempt modification request lacks documentation of the original facility approval (Council or municipality) and any conditions of such approval or correspondence with the Town of Cornwall stating that the town no longer retains records of its decision.
3. The cumulative power density information provided in the exempt modification request shows a total percentage of Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) of approximately 82.8 percent for Verizon's antennas; however, the percentage of MPE for the existing antennas from carriers on the facility is approximately 60.7 percent, without Verizon's antennas. The cumulative MPE percentage must be at or below 100 percent with all carrier's antennas.

Therefore, this exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Centerline Communications provide proof of proper notice to the Chief Elected Official and underlying

property owner for the facility; provide documentation showing the original facility approval with conditions, if any, or correspondence with the town stating that there are no records of the original facility approval; and a cumulative power density analysis including Verizon's proposed antennas in addition to all existing antennas of other wireless carriers documenting an MPE at or below 100 percent, on or before November 5, 2021. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to November 5, 2021. **Please provide an electronic version and one hard copy 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 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Melanie Bachman', written in a cursive style.

Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director

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Enclosures (2): June 22, 2017 & July 12, 2021 Memo to Carriers on proof of notice.