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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

February 9, 2022

G. Scott Shepherd
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RE: EM-DISH-032-220127 - Dish Wireless LLC notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 712 Bread and Milk Street, Coventry, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Shepherd:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) hereby denies your request to modify the above-referenced existing telecommunications facility, pursuant to Section 16-50j-73 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA).

According to Section 16-50j-71 of the RCSA, "...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 request for completeness and has identified a deficiency in compliance with the criteria set forth in RCSA Section 16-50j-72. The exempt modification request, dated January 26, 2022, states, "Dish currently maintains 3 antennas at the 153-foot level of the existing 178-foot monopole tower..." However, according to correspondence received from Dish on February 16, 2021, construction of the approved tower share request for the 3 subject antennas (TS-DISH-032-190405) was not completed, and the approval of the tower share expired. For your convenience, please see the link to Dish's February 16, 2021 notice of non-completion. [Notice of Non-Completion](#)

It is evident that Dish is requesting to install new equipment at the existing facility rather than modify existing equipment at the facility. This request to install new equipment at the facility is not consistent with the criteria set forth in RCSA Section 16-50j-72. Such a request is properly submitted as a request for tower sharing pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 16-50aa.

Therefore, this request does not qualify as an exempt modification request and it is hereby rejected on that basis. The Council recommends that Dish submit a request for tower sharing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Melanie Bachman', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

MAB/FOC/emr

c: The Honorable Lisa Thomas, Chairwoman, Town of Coventry (lthomas@coventryct.org)
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