

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 16, 2021

Eric Breun Transcend Wireless 10 Industrial Avenue, Suite 3 Mahwah, NJ 07430

RE: **EM-T-MOBILE-034-210623** – T-Mobile notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 24 Hospital Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Breun:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on June 23, 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. The Structural Analysis (SA) provided, dated May 18, 2021, references an equipment platform and antenna mounts that are sufficient to support the proposed loading; however, the Construction Drawings (CD) provided are dated June 17, 2021, and refers to antenna frame modifications in the Structural Note on CD T-1. Therefore, it is unclear what mount modifications are necessary and whether the structural analysis provided with the report includes such modifications. Also, the SA does not assess the capacity of the host building to support the proposed loading of the antennas and their mount frames.

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Transcend Wireless provide a passing ( $\leq 100\%$ ) SA which accounts for the proposed mount modifications, states that the host building is capable of supporting the existing and proposed loading and is stamped and signed by a Professional Engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut, on or before August 13, 2021. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to August 13, 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 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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