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RE: **EM-SPRINT-038-180924** – Sprint notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 149 R Old Blue Hill Road, Durham, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Barbadora:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on September 24, 2018.

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 construction drawing Sheets A-1 and A-2 prepared by Hudson Design Group, last revised on August 13, 2018, includes a structural note referencing a Mount Structural Analysis prepared by Hudson Design Group and dated June 14, 2018. No mount analysis is included with the request for exempt modification; thus it is unclear whether additional reinforcements would be required for the antenna mount, which would alter the proposed loading on the structure and require an updated structural analysis report.

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Crown Castle provide a mount analysis for the proposed equipment that is stamped and signed by a professional engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut and, if applicable, an updated Structural Analysis Report accounting for any required antenna mount modifications on or before October 29, 2018. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to October 29, 2018.

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,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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c: The Honorable Laura L. Francis, First Selectman, Town of Durham
Geoffrey L. Colegrove, Town Planner, Town of Durham
Crown Castle, Tower Owner

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