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April 24, 2018

The Honorable Laura L. Francis
First Selectman
Town of Durham
Town Hall
3 Town House Road
P. O. Box 428
Durham, CT 06422-0428

RE: **TS-T-MOBILE-038-180405** - T-Mobile Northeast LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 143 R Old Blue Hills Road, Durham, Connecticut.

Dear First Selectman Francis:

The Connecticut Siting Council is in receipt of your recent correspondence concerning the above-referenced tower share request.

Before making a final decision on a tower share request, the Council carefully considers the proposal in accordance with the required feasibility criteria under Connecticut General Statutes §16-50aa. Entities requesting to share an existing telecommunications facility must demonstrate that the proposal is consistent with the Tower Sharing Policy of the State of Connecticut, which encourages the sharing of towers for fair consideration whenever technically, legally, environmentally and economically feasible, and whenever such sharing meets public safety concerns, will avoid the unnecessary proliferation of towers and is in the public interest.

Please note you may keep apprised of Council events on our website www.ct.gov/csc, including the calendar and meeting agendas.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter. Your letter has been forwarded to counsel for Crown Castle, the entity requesting to share the tower on behalf of T-Mobile Northeast, LLC, and will be entered in the public comment file related to this tower share request.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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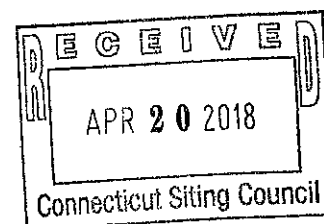
c: Council Members
Amanda Cornwall, Crown Castle



Town of Durham

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LAURA L. FRANCIS



April 18, 2018

Melanie A. Bachman
Acting Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
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**RE: Request of T-Mobile for an Order to Approve the Shared Use of an Existing Tower at
143R Old Blue Hill Road, Durham, CT 06422**

Dear Ms. Bachman:

We are in receipt of the letter from Amanda Cornwall, Real Estate Specialist for Crown Castle dated March 30, 2018 requesting an exempt modification to accommodate equipment for the installation of equipment from wireless carrier T-Mobile.

The Town of Durham has occupied this tower since it was first erected in 1994 and has enjoyed a cooperative relationship with the various tower owners since that time. When this tower was originally constructed, the Town occupied the seventy-three (73) foot level of the tower. In 2003, in order to accommodate an additional wireless carrier and avoid the unnecessary proliferation of towers, the Town agreed to make significant changes to their equipment. Shortly thereafter, in 2005 the Town again agreed to make modifications to accommodate requested changes by another wireless carrier.

The opportunity to bring yet another wireless carrier to the citizens of the Town, avoid building another tower facility, and re-use space that had been vacated through consolidation of carriers is the rare "win-win" for all involved. Some of our residents are subscribers to service from T-Mobile. Additionally, as you are aware, the Town is home to the Durham Fair, the largest agricultural fair run entirely by volunteers in the state. This event draws significant numbers of people to our Town, some of which are customers of T-Mobile. The Town also has major roads that are utilized every day by the travelling public, some of which are also T-Mobile customers.

We do have one concern. The Town has equipment located at the seventy-three (73) foot level that dates to the modification authorized in 2003. This equipment must be protected as it is integral to the provision of services to our citizens. We would like to work with T-Mobile to ensure that this installation is protected.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Laura L. Francis