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RE: **EM-VER-043-180305** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 1455 Forbes Street, East Hartford, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

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.

This exempt modification request was submitted to the Council on March 5, 2018. Council staff reviewed this request for completeness and had identified a deficiency that was depicted in a letter to the requesting entity dated March 15, 2018 and recommended that Verizon provide an updated Structural Analysis Report for the facility that includes proposed and approved equipment by Verizon and other entities that are located at this facility on or before April 6, 2018. To date, the Council has not received the requested submission.

Thus, the proposed modification is not in compliance with the exemption criteria in Section 16-50j-72 (b) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director

Enclosure: Council correspondence dated March 15, 2018

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- c: Honorable Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor, Town of East Hartford
- Jeffrey Cormier, Town Planner, Town of East Hartford
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Dear Attorney Baldwin:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on March 5, 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 Structural Analysis Report provided with the filing. The Structural Analysis Report provided is dated March 25, 2017. The Council had received an exempt modification filing from Sprint for the same facility in August of 2017. Your exempt modification filing does not include Sprint's approved equipment; however, the structural analysis included in Sprint's exempt modification filing does appear to include both Sprint's equipment and the equipment that Verizon is now proposing. Please see Sprint's exempt modification filing for this facility, which may be found on the Council's website under the Decisions page in East Hartford under the filing number EM-SPRINT-043-170810 or by following the link: [http://www.ct.gov/csc/lib/csc/ems/east\\_hartford/forbesst/sprint/em-sprint-043-170810\\_filing\\_forbesst.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/csc/lib/csc/ems/east_hartford/forbesst/sprint/em-sprint-043-170810_filing_forbesst.pdf).

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Verizon provide an updated Structural Analysis Report for the facility that includes proposed and approved equipment by Verizon and other entities that are located at this facility on or before April 6, 2018. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to April 6, 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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