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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: **EM-VER-050-210709** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 6 Main Street, Essex, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on July 9, 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 a deficiency in the request. The letter from Dewberry Engineers Inc. dated June 23, 2021 is provided as an assessment of the structural capacity of the water tank structure with Verizon's proposed modifications; however, the letter does not appear to account for other carriers' antennas on the structure, nor does it include a percent of structural loading of the capacity of the structure.

The Council recommends that Robinson & Cole provide a Structural Analysis with a stamp and signature from a Professional Engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut with a percent of loading for the facility including existing and proposed equipment approved to be located on the water tank, on or before September 3, 2021. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to September 3, 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 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,

s/Melanie Bachman

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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