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RE: EM-AT&T-052-230106 - AT&T notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 1 Westerberg Drive, Farmington, Connecticut.

Dear Catherine Conklin:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) hereby denies your request to modify the above-referenced existing telecommunications facility, pursuant to §16-50j-73 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA).

According to RCSA §16-50j-71, "...any modification, as defined in Section 16-50j-2a of the [RCSA], to an existing tower site, except as specified in Sections 16-50j-72 and 16-50j-88 of the [RCSA], may have a substantial adverse environmental effect."

On January 19, 2023, the Council issued a letter (enclosed) stating the request for exempt modification was incomplete because no lease area was depicted or described in the request, and it was unclear if the expansion of the fenced compound would extend outside the boundaries of the leased area. Also on January 19, 2023, the Council received an email stating that the lease area would be expanded and requesting a 12-month extension to provide the required information.

It is now evident that AT&T is requesting to extend the lease area of the site. This request to extend the lease area of an existing site is not consistent with the criteria set forth in RCSA §16-50j-72. Such a request is properly submitted to the Council in the form of a petition for a declaratory ruling.

Therefore, this request does not qualify as an exempt modification request and it is hereby rejected on that basis. The Council recommends that AT&T submit a petition for declaratory ruling.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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c: The Honorable C.J. Thomas, Chairman, Town of Farmington (towncouncil@farmington-ct.org)
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