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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

January 19, 2023

Catherine Conklin Site Acquisition Specialist General Dynamics Wireless Services 2586 Industry Lane, Suite 100 Norristown, PA 19403 Catherine.conklin@gdit.com

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) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on January 6, 2023.

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. Page 1 of the exempt modification request states the proposed generator would be installed "...within the existing grade-level fenced compound..." however, based on Sheet A-1 of the site plans provided in Attachment 1 of the request, AT&T is proposing an expansion of the fenced compound at the southwestern corner. On February 28, 2014, the Council issued a memo requesting a depiction or description of the leased area for the subject site be included with the site plan for exempt modification requests (20140228EMTSLeasememofeb20142pdf.pdf (ct.gov)). The above-referenced request does not contain a depiction or description of the leased area for the subject site. Therefore, it is unclear if the expansion of the fenced compound would extend outside of the boundaries of the leased area.

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that AT&T provide revised site plans depicting the proposed generator and fence expansion within the boundaries of the leased area on or before February 17, 2023. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to February 18, 2023. 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 incompletion 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,

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Melanie Bachman Executive Director

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cc: Shannon Rutherford, P.E., Town Planner, Town of Farmington