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RE: EM-CING-056-210920 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 8 Upper Meadow Lane, Granby, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Revak:

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 (RCSA).

According to Section 16-50j-71 of the RCSA, "...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 request for completeness and has identified a deficiency in compliance with the criteria set forth in RCSA Section 16-50j-72. The exempt modification request dated August 20, 2021 states, "New Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC ("AT&T") is proposing a wireless telecommunications facility on an existing +/- 150 feet monopole tower."

It is evident that AT&T is requesting to install new equipment at the existing facility rather than modify existing equipment at the facility. This request to install new equipment at the facility is not consistent with the criteria set forth in RCSA Section 16-50j-72. Such a request is properly submitted as a request for tower sharing pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 16-50aa.

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 request for tower sharing.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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c: The Honorable B. Scott Kuhnly, First Selectman, Town of Granby (kuhnly@granby-ct.gov)
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