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RE: **EM-VER-057-211118** – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 48 Ritch Avenue West, Greenwich, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Coleman:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received this notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on November 18, 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 cumulative power density information provided in the exempt modification request shows a total percentage of Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) of approximately 61.75 percent for Verizon's antennas; however, other existing carriers are not included within the MPE calculation. The power density for other carrier installations at the facility is approximately 65.34 percent, and with Verizon's proposed equipment, would be 127.09 percent, exceeding 100 percent of the MPE. The cumulative MPE must be at or below 100 percent with all carrier's antennas.

Therefore, this exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Centerline Communications provide a cumulative power density analysis including Verizon's proposed antennas in addition to all existing antennas of other wireless carriers documenting an MPE at or below 100 percent, on or before January 28, 2022. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to January 28, 2022. 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,

Melanie Bachman Executive Director

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