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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Denise Sabo
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RE: EM-DISH-064-210826 – Dish Wireless LLC notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 441 Homestead Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Sabo:

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 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 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 15, 2021 page two, No. 2, states, “The proposed modifications will not require the extension of the site boundary.” However, Sheet A-1 of the request indicates an expanded lease area and fencing on the east side of the site.

It is evident that Dish is requesting to extend the lease area and fence of the site. An expansion of the lease area of an existing site is not consistent with the criteria set forth in RCSA Section 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 Dish submit a petition for declaratory ruling.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

MAB/FOC/emr

c: The Honorable Luke Bronin, Mayor City of Hartford (luke.bronin@hartford.gov)