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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

January 11, 2022

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RE: **EM-VER-075-211209** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 333 Grassy Hill Road, Lyme, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Coleman:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on December 9, 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 deficiencies in the filing. Proof of notice of the exempt modification was provided to the Town of Old Lyme; however, the facility is located in the Town of Lyme.

Also, the Structural Analysis Report provided is dated May 6, 2021. The Council had received a request for exempt modification from T-Mobile for the same facility in November of 2021. The above-referenced request for exempt modification does not include T-Mobile's proposed equipment; however, the structural analysis included in T-Mobile's request for exempt modification does appear to include both T-Mobile's equipment and the equipment that Verizon is now proposing. Please see T-Mobile's exempt modification filing for this facility, which may be found on the Council's website under the Decisions page in Lyme under the filing number EM-T-MOBILE-075-211122 or by following the link: [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/CSC/2\\_EMS-medialibrary/Lyme/GrassyHillRd/Sprint\\_T-MOBILE/em-t-mobile-075-211122\\_filing\\_GrassyHilld\\_Lyme.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/CSC/2_EMS-medialibrary/Lyme/GrassyHillRd/Sprint_T-MOBILE/em-t-mobile-075-211122_filing_GrassyHilld_Lyme.pdf)

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Centerline Communications provide proof of proper notice of this exempt modification request to the Chief Elected Official of the Town of Lyme and provide an updated Structural Analysis Report for the facility that includes proposed equipment by Verizon and other entities that are located at this facility on or before February 10, 2022. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to February 10, 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 incompleteness 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Melanie Bachman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director

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