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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 24, 2019

Kyle Richers
Transcend Wireless
10 Industrial Avenue, Suite 3
Mahwah, NJ 07430

RE: **EM-T-MOBILE-081-190711** – T-Mobile notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at Interstate 84 and South Street, Middlebury, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Richers:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on July 11, 2019.

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 Detailed Structural Analysis (SA) prepared by AECOM and dated May 7, 2019. The SA indicates that the combined rotation (twist) and deflection (sway) of the existing tower after the proposed equipment loading is not compliant with the Connecticut State Police (CSP) requirement of 0.75 degrees. This existing facility is owned and operated by the CSP. Therefore, compliance with the CSP twist and sway requirement is mandatory unless it is waived in writing by the CSP.

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Transcend Wireless provide a revised SA that is in compliance with the CSP standard on twist and sway limitations or written permission from the CSP stating that exceedance of its standards is acceptable in this case, on or before August 26, 2019. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to August 16, 2019. **Please provide an electronic version and one hard copy of the SA for the incomplete request to be rendered complete and processed.**

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,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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- c: The Honorable Edward B. St. John, First Selectman, Town of Middlebury
- Curtis S. Bosco, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of Middlebury
- Brian Benito, Bureau of Police Support-Telecommunications, Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Property Owner

