

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

January 19, 2022

G. Scott Shepherd Senior Property Specialist SBA Communications 134 Flanders Road, Suite 125 Westborough, MA 01581 gshepherd@sbasite.com

**RE:** TS-DISH-089-211223 - Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 723 Farmington Avenue, New Britain, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Shepherd:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received the tower share request for the above-referenced facility on December 23, 2021.

According to Section 16-50j-90 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, "no tower share application shall be approved until a complete application containing all information deemed relevant by the Council has been filed. Relevant information shall at a minimum include that listed in Section 16-50j-89 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies..."

Staff has reviewed this tower share request for completeness and has identified a deficiency in the proposed antenna mount that is not compliant with the Council's Decision and Order for Docket No. 303 dated June 28, 2005. Condition No. 2 of the above referenced Decision and Order states "Panel antennas shall be installed on the monopole using a flush or T-arm mounting configuration."

The proposed tower share request indicates that DISH intends to install its equipment on a platform antenna mount. This is not in compliance with the Council's condition of approval.

Therefore, the tower share request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that SBA Communications provide a structural analysis, a mount analysis and construction drawings that are in compliance with the Council's condition of approval on or before February 22, 2022 or submit a motion to reopen Docket No. 303 to modify the condition requiring T-arm or flush mounts for antenna on the subject tower. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to February 22, 2022. Please provide an electronic version and one hard copy of the requested information for the incomplete tower share filing to be rendered complete and processed. Please include the Council's tower share 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 A. Bachman Executive Director

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