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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Nicole Caplan-Mason
Site Acquisition Supervisor
Empire Telecom USA, LLC
16 Esquire Road
Billerica, MA 01862

RE: **EM-AT&T-089-200811** – AT&T Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 1 Hartford Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Caplan-Mason:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on August 11, 2020.

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. No mount analysis has been provided with the request: therefore, it is unclear whether the existing antenna mount is capable of supporting the proposed loading and if modifications or a replacement would be required.

Also, the exempt modification request lacks documentation of the original facility approval and any conditions of such approval or correspondence with the City of New Britain stating that the City no longer retains records of its decision.

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Empire Telecom provide a Mount Analysis that is signed and stamped by a Professional Engineer licensed in the State of Connecticut, and documentation showing the original facility approval with conditions if any or correspondence with the City stating that there are no records of the original facility approval on or before September 21, 2020. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to September 21, 2020. **Please provide an electronic version 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,

s/ Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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