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RE: **EM-VER-097-190321** – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 21 Berkshire Road, Newtown, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Stone:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on March 21, 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 Mount Modification Analysis (MA) Report dated October 26, 2018 and prepared by Power of Design Group, LLC. The above-referenced document refers to the 2016 Connecticut State Building Code (CSBC); however, the 2018 CSBC became effective on October 1, 2018 and should be applied to this project. Also, the MA is stamped but not signed by a Professional Engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut.

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Crown Castle provide an updated MA Report that references the current 2018 CSBC and is stamped and signed by a Professional Engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut on or before April 22, 2019. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to April 22, 2019. Please note that a hard copy of your response must be received by the Council for it 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 Daniel C. Rosenthal, First Selectman, Town of Newtown
George Benson, Director of Planning and Land Use, Town of Newtown

