

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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#### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

January 5, 2021

Victoria Masse Northeast Site Solutions 42 Main Street, Unit 2 Sturbridge, MA 01566

RE: **EM-T-MOBILE-099-201118** – T-Mobile notice of intent to modify an existing

telecommunications facility located at 88 Parsonage Hill Road, North Branford,

Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Masse:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence of December 31, 2020 submitted in response to the Council's December 3, 2020 notification of an incomplete request for exempt modification with regard to the above-referenced matter.

The submission renders the request for exempt modification complete and the Council will process the request in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission 60-day timeframe.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

MAB/IN/emr

From: Deborah Chase <deborah@northeastsitesolutions.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 31, 2020 1:15 PM

**To:** CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>; Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>;

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Kenneth Quinn <kenneth@northeastsitesolutions.com>

Subject: EM-T-MOBILE-099-20118 PARSONAGE HILL ROAD NORTH BRANFORD CT (CT11230A-ANCHOR)

### Siting Council

Please see attached revised cover letter stating 5G capabilities.

Thank you very much

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November 17, 2020

Members of the Siting Council Connecticut Siting Council Ten Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

RE: Notice of Exempt Modification

88 Parsonage Hill Road, North Branford CT 06472

Latitude: 41. 369440000 Longitude: -72.810280000

T-Mobile Site#: CT11230A-L600 EM-T-Mobile-099-201118

Dear Ms. Bachman:

Please accept this revised letter for 95 High Street, Portland. **EM-T-Mobile-099-201118** (attached). This revision includes the 5G antenna statements.

T-Mobile currently maintains nine (9) antennas at the 180-foot level of the existing 195-foot self-support tower located at 88 Parsonage Hill Road, North Branford CT 06472. The 195-foot tower is owned by Ochenkowski Towers LLC and property is owned by Jean Szwabowski. T-Mobile now intends to replace nine (9) existing antennas with three (3) new 600/700 MHz 5G antenna, three (3) new 1900/2100 MHz antenna, and three (3) new 2500 MHz 5G antenna. The new antennas would be installed at the 180-foot level of the tower. T-Mobile is also proposing mount modifications. As shown on the enclosed mount analysis.

#### **Planned Modifications**

Remove: (3) RRUS11 B12

(6) Coax

(3) Antenna mounts

#### Remove and Replace:

- (3) AIR21B2A B4P 1900 MHZ Antenna-(3) AIR32 B2A Antenna 1900/2100 MHz (Replace)
- (3) AIR21B2P B4A 2100 MHz Antenna-(3) AIR6449 Antenna 2500 MHz (Replace) 5G
- (3) LNX6515 Antenna (Remove) (3) APXVAARR24 Antenna 600/700/1900/2100 MHz (Replace) 5G

#### Install New:

- (2) Fiber Hybrid Line
- (3) RRU 4449 B12/B71
- (3) Diplexers
- (3) VFA12-HD Antenna Mount (replacement)



Existing to Remain:

(6) 1-5/8" Coax

(3) Twin TMA

(1) Fiber Hybrid Line

Ground:

5'x7' Concrete pad

(1) 6160 Radio Cabinet

(1) B160 Battery Cabinet

This facility was approved by the Town of North Branford P&Z on December 5, 1997. This modification complies with this original approval. Please see attached.

Please accept this letter as notification pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 16- SOj-73, for construction that constitutes an exempt modification pursuant to R.C.S.A. § 16-50j-72(b)(2). In accordance with R.C.SA. § 16-SOj-73, a copy of this letter is being sent to Town Manager Michael T. Paulhus, Elected Official and Thomas Cowell –Building / Zoning officer for the Town of North Branford, as well as the property owner and the tower owner.

The planned modifications to the facility fall squarely within those activities explicitly provided for in R.C.S;A. § 16-50j-72(b)(2).

- 1. The proposed modifications will not result in an increase in the height of the existing structure.
- 2. The proposed modifications will not require the extension of the site boundary.
- 3. The proposed modifications will not increase noise levels at the facility by six decibels or more, or to levels that exceed state and local criteria.
- 4. The operation of the replacement antennas will not increase radio frequency emissions at the facility to a level at or above the Federal Communications Commission safety standard.
- 5. The proposed modifications will not cause a change or alteration in the physical or environmental characteristics of the site.
- 6. The existing structure and its foundation can support the proposed loading.

For the foregoing reasons, T-Mobile respectfully submits that the proposed modifications to the above referenced telecommunications facility constitute an exempt modification under R.C.S.A. § 16-50j-72(b)(2).

Sincerely, Victoria Masse

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#### Attachments

cc: Town Manager Michael T. Paulhus - elected official Town of North Branford 909 Foxon Road North Branford CT 06422

Town of North Branford 909 Foxon Road North Branford CT 06422 Thomas Cowell –Building / Zoning officer

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#### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

December 3, 2020

Victoria Masse Northeast Site Solutions 42 Main Street, Unit 2 Sturbridge, MA 01566

RE: **EM-T-MOBILE-099-201118** – T-Mobile notice of intent to modify an existing

telecommunications facility located at 88 Parsonage Hill Road, North Branford, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Masse:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on November 18, 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. The exempt modification request lacks a description of the wireless services to be provided, including, but not limited to, any 5G services and those frequencies associated with 5G services as stated in the Council's memorandum to Telecommunications Industry Representatives dated October 26, 2020 (attached).

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Northeast Site Solutions provide a statement clarifying if 5G services or frequencies associated with 5G services are part of the proposed modifications, on or before January 4, 2021. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to January 4, 2021. 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 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,

s/Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie Bachman Executive Director

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Enclosure: Council's memo dated October 26, 2020 to Telecommunications Industry Representatives



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#### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 26, 2020

TO: Telecommunications Industry Representatives

FROM: Melanie A. Bachman, Executive Director MAB

RE: Exempt Modification/Tower Share Filings

Pursuant to Section 16-50aa of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) shall issue an order approving shared use of a telecommunications facility if the proposed shared use of the facility is technically, legally, environmentally and economically feasible and meets public safety concerns.

Pursuant to Section 16-50j-72(b)(2) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, changes on an existing telecommunications tower site that meet the regulatory criteria shall not constitute a modification.

The Council is receiving inquiries from the municipalities and the public as to whether the equipment associated with requests for tower sharing and/or exempt modifications will provide 5G services.

Effective immediately, the Council hereby requests that a description of the wireless services to be provided by a proposed equipment installation, including, but not limited to, any 5G services and those frequencies associated with 5G services, be specifically identified in requests for tower sharing and requests for exempt modifications.

Pursuant to Sections 16-50j-39a and 16-50j-90, no request shall be approved until a complete submission containing all information deemed relevant by the Council has been filed.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.