

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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#### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

June 5, 2020

Mark Roberts QC Development P.O. Box 916 Storrs, CT 06268 Mark.roberts@qcdevelopment.net

RE:

**EM-CING-103-200417** - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 10 Willard Road, Norwalk, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence of June 3, 2020 submitted in response to the Council's April 30, 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

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From: Mark Roberts < mark.roberts@qcdevelopment.net>

Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 10:44 AMTo: Robidoux, Evan <Evan.Robidoux@ct.gov>Cc: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: Council Incomplete Letter for EM-CING-103-200417 (10 Willard Road, Norwalk)

Importance: High

Hello Evan – In response to your incomplete letter, I have been unable to obtain confirmation of the exact details of the original land use approvals for this tower from the City of Norwalk. However, per my attached e-mail summary I believe the tower was constructed prior to the adoption of local zoning regulations by the City and it is unlikely that any conditions of approval would have been attached to a Building Permit, if one was required at the time.

Please advise if you feel additional research is required, given the age of the structure. If so, please accept this e-mail as a request for additional time to conduct such research since City offices remain closed to the public due to the current COVID-19 situation.

Respectfully,

Mark Roberts QC Development 860-670-9068 From: Mark Roberts < mark.roberts@qcdevelopment.net>

**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 2:27 PM

**To:** Lguerrero@norwalkct.org

Subject: TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER @ 10 WILLARD RD

Importance: High

Hello Leo – In follow-up to our phone conversation last week, I'm looking for confirmation regarding the zoning & permitting history of this tower.

According to Assessor data, the property was purchased by Southern New England Telephone (SNET) in 1954 (Assessor Card attached). I haven't found any definitive information on when the tower was first constructed, but according to SNET's 1988 filing with the CT Siting Council, the tower had been in operation for "twenty years", in other words, since at least 1968 (excerpt from 1988 filing below – complete document attached).

#### DISCUSSION

The Norwalk tower has been in continuous use by the Owner as a telecommunications tower for twenty (20) years. The tower is located on the Owner's Garage on Willard Road in Norwalk. The

Since the City of Norwalk did not adopt Zoning Regulations until 1971 it seems safe to assume that the tower pre-dates any kind of local Planning & Zoning Approvals. And I believe the City also adopted the State Building Code in 1971.

But prior to adoption of the State Building Code, in 1968 or earlier, would the City have required a local permit or a review of some kind for this type of construction? And if so, does the City keep records from this time period?

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Mark Roberts
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#### 10 WILLARD RD

**Location** 10 WILLARD RD **Mblu** 5/ 17/ 2/ 0/

Acct# 11273 Owner FDSPIN WILLARD LLC

**Assessment** \$4,691,645 **Appraisal** \$6,702,350

PID 11273 Building Count 3

#### **Current Value**

Appraisal				
Valuation Year	Improvements	Land	Total	
2018	\$2,533,050	\$4,169,300	\$6,702,350	
	Assessment			
Valuation Year	Improvements	Land	Total	
2018	\$1,773,135	\$2,918,510	\$4,691,645	

#### **Owner of Record**

**Owner** FDSPIN WILLARD LLC **Sale Price** \$0

Co-Owner Certificate

Address 1 NORTH WATER ST SUITE 100 Book & Page 8711/260

**Sale Date** 07/18/2018

NORWALK, CT 06854-0000 Instrument 25

#### **Ownership History**

Ownership History					
Owner	Sale Price	Certificate	Book & Page	Instrument	Sale Date
FDSPIN WILLARD LLC	\$0		8711/260	25	07/18/2018
FDSPIN WILLARD LLC	\$6,625,000		8554/113	00	07/11/2017
SOUTHERN NEW ENG TEL CO	\$0		401/370		03/10/1954

#### **Building Information**

#### **Building 1 : Section 1**

 Year Built:
 1956

 Living Area:
 46,692

 Replacement Cost:
 \$1,939,170

**Building Percent** 77

Good:

Replacement Cost

Less Depreciation: \$1,493,160

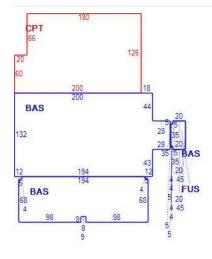
Building Attributes				
Field Description				
STYLE	Warehouse			
MODEL	Industrial			
Grade	С			
Stories:	1.00			
Occupancy	2.00			
Exterior Wall 1	Brick Veneer			
Exterior Wall 2				
Roof Structure	Flat			
Roof Cover	Rolled Compos			
Interior Wall 1	Drywall			
Interior Wall 2	Minimum			
Interior Floor 1	Concrete			
Interior Floor 2	Vinyl			
Heating Fuel	Oil			
Heating Type	Forced Air			
AC Percent	35			
Heat Percent	100			
Bldg Use	Utility			
Total Rooms	0			
Bedrooms	0			
Full Baths	0			
Half Baths	2			
Extra Fixtures	0			
FBM Area				
Heat/AC	Heat/AC Split			
Frame	Steel			
Plumbing	Average			
Foundation	Slab			
Partitions	Average			
Wall Height	12.00			
% Sprinkler	65.00			

### **Building Photo**

Building Photo (http://images.vgsi.com/photos

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### **Building Layout**



(ParcelSketch.ashx?pid=11273&bid=11273)

Building Sub-Areas (sq ft) <u>Legend</u>				
Code	Description	Gross Area	Living Area	
BAS	First Floor	45,652	45,652	
FUS	Finished Upper Story	1,040	1,040	
СРТ	Carport	23,880	0	
		70,572	46,692	

#### **Building 2: Section 1**

Year Built: 1972 Living Area: 988 Replacement Cost: \$111,960

**Building Percent** 77

Good:

Replacement Cost

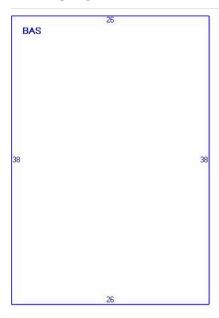
Less Depreciation: \$86,210					
Building Attributes : Bldg 2 of 3					
Field	Field Description				
STYLE	Commercial				
MODEL	Industrial				
Grade	С				
Stories:	1.00				
Occupancy	1.00				
Exterior Wall 1	Concrete				
Exterior Wall 2					
Roof Structure	Flat				
Roof Cover	Tar and Gravel				
Interior Wall 1	Minimum				
Interior Wall 2					
Interior Floor 1	Vinyl				
Interior Floor 2					
Heating Fuel	None				
Heating Type	None				
AC Percent	100				
Heat Percent	100				
Bldg Use	Utility				
Total Rooms	0				
Bedrooms	0				
Full Baths	0				
Half Baths	0				
Extra Fixtures	0				
FBM Area					
Heat/AC	None				
Frame	Typical				
Plumbing	Average				
Foundation	Slab				
Partitions	Light				
Wall Height	12.00				
% Sprinkler	0.00				

#### **Building Photo**



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#### **Building Layout**



(ParcelSketch.ashx?pid=11273&bid=50568)

Building Sub-Areas (sq ft)			<u>Legend</u>	
Code	Description	ption Gross Area		
BAS	First Floor	988	988	
		988	988	

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#### **Building 3: Section 1**

Year Built:1988Living Area:560Replacement Cost:\$43,126Building Percent82

Good:

Replacement Cost

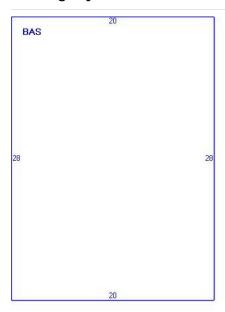
Building Attributes : Bldg 3 of 3				
Field Description				
STYLE	Telephone Bldg			
MODEL	Industrial			
Grade	С			
Stories:	1.00			
Occupancy	1.00			
Exterior Wall 1	Precast Panel			
Exterior Wall 2				
Roof Structure	Flat			
Roof Cover	Rolled Compos			
Interior Wall 1	Drywall			
Interior Wall 2				
Interior Floor 1	Vinyl			
Interior Floor 2				
Heating Fuel	None			
Heating Type	None			
AC Percent	100			
Heat Percent	100			
Bldg Use	Utility			
Total Rooms	0			
Bedrooms	0			
Full Baths	0			
Half Baths	0			
Extra Fixtures	0			
FBM Area				
Heat/AC	None			
Frame	Typical			
Plumbing	Average			
Foundation	Slab			
Partitions	Average			
Wall Height				
% Sprinkler	0.00			

#### **Building Photo**



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### **Building Layout**



(ParcelSketch.ashx?pid=11273&bid=50569)

Building Sub-Areas (sq ft)			<u>Legend</u>	
Code	Description	Gross Area		
BAS	First Floor	560	560	
		560	560	

#### **Extra Features**

Extra Features	<u>Legend</u>
No Data for Extra Features	

#### Land

Land Use		Land Line Valuation	
Use Code	401	Size (Acres)	8.29
Description	Utility	Frontage	
Zone	B2	Depth	
Neighborhood	C330	Assessed Value	\$2,918,510
		Appraised Value	\$4,169,300

### Outbuildings

	Outbuildings					Legend
Code	Description	Sub Code	Sub Description	Size	Value	Bldg #
PAV1	Paving Asph.			12000.00 S.F.	\$15,600	1
PAV1	Paving Asph.			60300.00 S.F.	\$78,390	1
FN6	Fence 6'			3000.00 L.F.	\$27,270	1
TNK1	Tank Under Grn			10000.00 GALS	\$10,000	1
CEL1	Cell Tower		Steel	1.00 UNITS	\$150,000	1

### **Valuation History**

Appraisal					
Valuation Year Improvements Land Total					
2018	\$2,533,050	\$4,169,300	\$6,702,350		
2017	\$1,175,000	\$4,493,250	\$5,668,250		
2016	\$1,175,000	\$4,493,250	\$5,668,250		

Assessment			
Valuation Year	Improvements	Land	Total
2018	\$1,773,135	\$2,918,510	\$4,691,645
2017	\$822,500	\$3,145,280	\$3,967,780
2016	\$822,500	\$3,145,280	\$3,967,780

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April 25, 1988

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Mr. Peter J. Tyrrell Senior Attorney SNET Cellular, Inc. 227 Church Street Room 1021 New Haven, CT 06506

Joel M. Rinebold Executive Director

Notice of Intent to Modify an Exempt Tower and Associated Equipment by SNET in Norwalk, Connecticut.

Stanley J. Modzelesky Executive Assistant

Dear Mr. Tyrrell:

At a meeting held on April 19, 1988, the Connecticut Siting Council acknowledged your Notice of Intent to Modify an Exempt Tower and Associated Equipment owned by the Southern New England Telephone Company located in Norwalk, Connecticut, pursuant to Section 16-50j-73 of the Regulations of State Agencies (RSA).

Your notice is in compliance with the exception criteria for changes to an existing facility site, pursuant to RSA 16-50j-72.

Very truly yours,

Gloria Dibble Pond

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Chairperson

GDP/JMR/cp

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Southern New England Telephone 227 Church Street New Haven, Connecticut 06510 Phone (203) 771-7381

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CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

Peter J. Tyrrell Senior Attorney

March 24, 1988

Gloria Dibble Pond, Chairperson Connecticut Siting Council 136 Main Street, Suite 401 New Britain, CT 06051

SNET

Dear Honorable Chairperson Pond:

Enclosed please find a Notice of Intent to Modify an Exempt Tower and Associated Equipment owned by The Southern New England Telephone Company located in Norwalk, Connecticut by SNET Cellular, Inc. Fifteen (15) copies are included.

Please record my name as counsel for the SNET Cellular, Inc. and The Southern New England Telephone Company in this matter and in correspondence from the Council.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Very truly yours,
Detery Tynell

Enclosures

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY AN EXEMPT TOWER AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT

Pursuant to Section 16-50i(a)(5) of the Connecticut General Statutes and pursuant to Section 16-50j-73 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, SNET Cellular, Inc. (SNET) a company which provides cellular radio telecommunications service in the State of Connecticut hereby notifies the Connecticut Siting Council that it intends to modify an existing telecommunications tower. The site is located at Willard Road, Norwalk, Connecticut.

The location will be leased in part from its current owner and operator, The Southern New England Telephone Company (Owner) and will be used in part as a cell site to provide cellular mobile telecommunications service in Fairfield County. The proposed modification would contain both transmit and receive antennas located as shown on the attached tower profile.

#### DISCUSSION

The Norwalk tower has been in continuous use by the Owner as a telecommunications tower for twenty (20) years. The tower is located on the Owner's Garage on Willard Road in Norwalk. The proposed addition is needed to supply additional channel capacity and improved transmission for cellular service to the Norwalk/Westport area by SNET Cellular. This cell site has been designed to properly interface with the adjacent cell sites in

Westport and Norwalk and has been frequency coordinated with the NYNEX cellular system.

The proposed antenna addition consists of up to six (6) antennas (see sketch). The antennas to be used will be mounted on brackets near the top of the tower. From ground level they will appear smaller and will be very difficult to see. There presently exists on said tower two fourteen (14) foot horn reflectors and two twelve (12) dishes.

The maximum power density of the cellular facility is set forth below. It has been calculated in milliwatts per square centimeter.

<u>Location</u>	Power Density	
Tower Base	0.0103	
Fence	0.0103	
Nearest Building <sup>b</sup>	0.00921	

In 1984 the Connecticut Legislature adopted the safety levels of the American National Standards Institute ("ANSI") in CGS Section 22a-162. The current ANSI power density level standard (for the cellular service band) for non-ionizing radiation is 2.933 milliwatts/cm<sup>2</sup>. (See ANSI Standard C95.1-1982). In this case the cellular power density figures are more than two hundred times lower than the applicable standard.

a The levels shown indicate the total power density in milliwatts per sq. cm. from all cellular antennas measured simultaneously.

b The nearest building is the SNET garage.

The proposed addition does not constitute a "modification" of an existing facility as that term is defined in Connecticut General Statutes, Section 16-50i(d). This is because there is no significant change or alteration in the general physical characteristics of the tower. The additional antennas do not change materially the nature or appearance of the facility. This addition will not have a substantially adverse environmental effect. (CGS Section 16-50k.) As shown by the attached sketch, there will be no changes on the existing tower site that extend the boundaries of the fence or the enclosed areas of the tower site. There will be no increase in noise levels at the tower's boundary by six decibels or more.

For all the above reasons SNET Cellular, Inc. requests the Council to acknowledge that the Notice of modification meets the Council's exemption criteria.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Tyrrell

