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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

August 10, 2021

Ryan Clark
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750 West Center Street, Floor 3
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RE: **EM-T-MOBILE-104-210621** - T-Mobile notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 1 Chestnut Street, Norwich, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Clark:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) hereby denies your request to modify the above-referenced existing telecommunications facility, pursuant to Section 16-50j-73 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

This exempt modification request was submitted to the Council on June 21, 2021. Council staff reviewed this request for completeness and had identified a deficiency that was more fully described in a notice of incompleteness letter to the requesting entity dated July 12, 2021 (attached) and recommended that Centerline Communications provide a passing (< 100%) Structural Analysis (SA) which indicates that the host building is capable of supporting the existing and proposed loading and is stamped and signed by a Professional Engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut, on or before August 9, 2021. To date the Council has not received a response.

Thus, the proposed modification is not in compliance with the exemption criteria in Section 16-50j-72 (b) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and is hereby denied.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Melanie Bachman'.

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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Enclosure: Council Incomplete Letter Dated July 12, 2021

c: The Honorable Peter A. Nystrom, Mayor, City of Norwich (pnystrom@cityofnorwich.org)



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July 12, 2021

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Bridgewater, MA 02379

RE: **EM-T-MOBILE-104-210621** - T-Mobile notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 1 Chestnut Street, Norwich, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Clark:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on June 21, 2021.

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 Structural Analysis (SA) provided, dated June 11, 2021, states in the recommendations that "the analysis is limited to the tower and supporting base frame. The existing building should be evaluated by others for the new base reactions." Therefore, it is unclear whether the host building is capable of supporting the rooftop tower and associated equipment.

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Centerline Communications provide a passing ($\leq 100\%$) SA which indicates that the host building is capable of supporting the existing and proposed loading and is stamped and signed by a Professional Engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut, on or before August 9, 2021. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to August 9, 2021. **Please provide an electronic version and one hard copy 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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