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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

January 6, 2021

Richard Zajac Site Acquisition Specialist Crown Castle 4545 East River Road, Suite 320 West Henrietta, NY 14586

RE: EM-T-MOBILE-108-201204 – T-Mobile notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 85 Quaker Farms Road, Oxford, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Zajac:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on December 4, 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 proposed antenna mount that is not compliant with the Council's Decision and Order for Docket No. 261 dated December 22, 2003. Condition No. 1 of the above referenced Decision and Order states "Antennas installed on the monopole shall be flush mounted."

The proposed exempt modification request indicates that T-Mobile's proposed mount is not in compliance with the Council's condition of approval for this facility.

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Crown Castle provide a revised request that is in compliance with the Council's Decision and Order in Docket No. 261 or submit a motion to reopen Docket No. 261 to modify the condition requiring flush mounted antennas on the subject tower, on or before February 8, 2021. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to February 8, 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 A. Bachman Executive Director

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