

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

February 24, 2021

Allison Hebel Site Acquisition Consultant Centerline Communications LLC 750 West Center Street, Suite 301 West Bridgewater, MA 02379

RE: **EM-CING-117-210114** – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 28 Great Oak Lane, Redding, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Hebel:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on January 14, 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. Page 2, under Analysis Results of the Structural Analysis prepared by BlueSky Tower Partners LLC and dated January 5, 2021, states that "our structural analysis determined that the existing main tower from 0'-0" to 126'-0" AGL is structurally capable of supporting the proposed equipment loads without modification" and "no information was provided for the slimline steel pipe section from 126'-0" AGL to 160'-0" AGL and the base plate connecting to the top portion of the main steel pole." Considering that the proposed modification is to take place at the 165-foot above ground level (AGL) and 175-foot AGL, the SA provided does not completely account for the ability of the 180-foot stealth monopole to support the proposed equipment loading.

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Centerline Communications provide a Structural Analysis that fully accounts for the ability of the 180-foot stealth monopole to support the proposed equipment loading, on or before March 26, 2021. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to March 26, 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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