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April 10, 2019

Jeffrey Barbadora Real Estate Specialist Crown Castle 12 Gill Street, Suite 5800 Woburn, MA 01801

RE: **EM-VER-131-190201** – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 625 Spring Street, Southington, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Barbadora:

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 February 1, 2019. Council staff reviewed this request for completeness and had identified an inconsistency, that was more fully described in a second notice of incompletion letter to the requesting entity dated February 25, 2019 (see attached), and recommended that Crown Castle provide clarification on the proposed antenna mount modifications and provide a Mount Replacement Report that is consistent with the Structural Analysis Report and Construction Drawings provided with the request on or before April 8, 2019. To date the Council has not received the requested Mount Replacement Report.

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.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman Executive Director

MAB/IN/emr

Enclosure: Incomplete filing letter dated February 25, 2019

c: The Honorable Christopher Palmieri, Chairman, Town of Southington
Mark J. Sciota, Town Manager, Town of Southington
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Dear Mr. Barbadora:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on February 1, 2019. On February 5, 2019, the Council issued a letter (enclosed) stating that the request for exempt modification was incomplete because the Mount Replacement Report (MA) recommended a proposed modification that was inconsistent with the Structural Analysis Report and Construction Drawings provided with the request. The Council recommended that Crown Castle provide a MA that is consistent with the Structural Analysis Report and Construction Drawings provided with the request on or before March 8, 2019.

On February 15, 2019, the Council received a MA prepared by Infinigy and dated February 13, 2019. Staff has reviewed the response and observed the following deficiencies:

- Table 1 Proposed Equipment Configuration on page 3 of the MA lists a 14-foot Platform under Mount/ Modification details.
- b. Item 4.1) Recommendations on Page 4 of the MA states "The Sector Frame Mount has sufficient capacity to support the proposed loading when the mount is replaced with (1) Siteprol F3P-14W (SM503-3) ...". The "Siteprol F3P-14W" model No. on the Sitepro website refers to a platform mount, and the "(SM503-3)" model No. refers to a sector frame mount. Therefore, it is unclear what mount the MA recommends.
- c. The diagram in Appendix A titled "Final Configuration" indicates a platform mount.

Therefore, the exempt modification request remains incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Crown Castle provide clarification on the inconsistencies itemized above and provide a Mount Replacement Report that is consistent with the Structural Analysis Report and Construction Drawings provided with the request on or before April 8, 2019. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to April 8, 2019.

This notice of incompletion shall have the effect of tolling the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 60-day timeframe in accordance with Paragraph 21⁻⁷ 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

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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 Mount Replacement Report (MA) prepared by Infinigy and dated January 29, 2019. Page 4 of the MA item 4.1) Recommendations states "The Sector Frame Mount has sufficient capacity to support the proposed loading when the mount is replaced with (1) Sitepro1 F3P-14W". Also, page 1 and Table 1 of the MA tefer to the Modification as a platform mount. This is inconsistent with the Structural Analysis Report and Construction Drawings provided with the request which propose the replacement of a platform mount with a sector frame mount.

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Crown Castle provide a Mount Replacement Report that is consistent with the Structural Analysis Report and Construction Drawings provided with the request on or before March 8, 2019. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to March 8, 2019.

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).

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