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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

December 27, 2019

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq. Robinson & Cole LLP 280 Trumbull Street Hartford, CT 06103

RE: **EM-VER-135-191219** – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 366 Old Long Ridge Road, Stamford, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Baldwin:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on December 19, 2019.

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 few deficiencies in the request. Sheet A-2 of the construction drawing prepared by On Air Engineering, LLC, dated October 25, 2019, includes a structural note referencing a mount analysis prepared by Paul J. Ford & Company. The mount analysis has not been provided with the request and the Structural Opinion letter provided does not indicate the percentage stress capacity of the proposed mounting frame.

In addition, the exempt modification request lacks documentation of the original facility approval (tower structure and equipment compound) and any conditions of such approval or correspondence with the City of Stamford stating that the city no longer retains records of its decision.

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Robinson and Cole provide documentation showing the original facility approval with conditions, if any, or correspondence with the City stating that there are no records of the original facility approval, and a passing (≤ 100%) mount analysis for the proposed equipment that is stamped and signed by a professional engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut, on or before January 31, 2020. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to January 31, 2020. 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 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,

Melanie Bachman Executive Director

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c: The Honorable David Martin, Mayor, City of Stamford Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau Chief, City of Stamford