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Jack Andrews  
Zoning Manager, Empire Telecom  
o/b/o AT&T Wireless  
10130 Donleigh Drive  
Columbia, MD, 21046

RE: **EM-AT&T-142-170202** – AT&T notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 130 Bald Hill Road, Tolland, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Andrews:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on February 2, 2017.

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 structural analysis. Specifically, the tower structural analysis performed by Mason Consulting-Connecticut dated December 30, 2016, states that a foundation analysis is required for the tower structural analysis to be valid. No foundation analysis was provided in the exempt modification submittal.

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Empire Telecom submit a foundation analysis for the facility by February 21, 2017. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to February 21, 2017.

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.

Very truly yours,

Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director

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- c: Steven R. Werbner, Town Manager, Town of Tolland  
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