

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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#### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

June 23, 2023

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RE: **EM-VER-155-230608**— Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 14-20 Isham Road, West Hartford, Connecticut.

### Dear Attorney Baldwin:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on June 8, 2023. On June 22, 2023, the Council issued a letter (enclosed) stating that the request for exempt modification was incomplete because the structural letter provided did not include a full Structural Analysis (SA) and Mount Analysis (MA) with the request. The Council recommended that Verizon provide a full SA and MA for the proposed and existing equipment.

On June 22, 2023, the Council received an electronic mail with a full SA and MA dated April 27, 2022, and March 16, 2022, respectively. Staff has reviewed this response to the incomplete request and has identified the following deficiencies: the Structural Analysis Report dated April 27, 2022, cites the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code (CSBC); and the Mount Analysis dated March 16, 2022, cites ANSI/TIA-222-H with no indication of which version of the CSBC was used. The State of Connecticut has adopted the 2022 CSBC effective October 1, 2022.

Therefore, the exempt modification request remains incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Verizon provide an updated Structural Analysis and Mount Analysis that comport with the current 2022 CSBC, on or before July 24, 2023. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to July 24, 2023. 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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Enclosure: Incomplete Letter dated June 22, 2023



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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 request. The structural letter dated May 12, 2023 prepared by Dewberry Engineers Inc. stamped and signed by Benjamin Revette, references a Tower Structural Analysis Report by Dewberry Engineers, Inc dated April 27, 2022 and a Mount Analysis Report by Maser Consulting dated March 16, 2022 but does not include a full structural analysis or mount analysis for the proposed and existing equipment. It is unclear what loading was considered for the structural letter.

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Verizon provide a full structural analysis and 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 July 22, 2023. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to July 22, 2023. 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.

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