May 26th, 2026

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Tower Share Request for Verizon Wireless on Existing Tower
196 Tolland Turnpike, Willington, CT 06279
Latitude: 41° 52' 32.4" N / Longitude: 72° 16' 9.7" W

Dear Ms. Bachman:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.") §16-50aa, as amended, Verizon Wireless ("Verizon") hereby requests an order from the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") to approve the shared use by Verizon of an existing telecommunication tower at 196 Tolland Turnpike, Willington, CT 06279 (the "Property"). The existing 167-foot self-support tower is owned by American Tower Corporation ("ATC"). The underlying property is owned by Holt Mountain LLC. A copy of this filing is being sent to Mike Makuch, First Selectman for the Town of Willington, Michael D'Amato, Town of Willington, Zoning Agent, and Holt Mountain LLC as the property owner.

Background

This facility was originally approved by the Council under Docket No. 429 on February 7th, 2013. A copy of this decision is included in this filing. The existing ATC facility consists of a 167-foot self-support tower located within an existing leased area.

Verizon is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to provide wireless services throughout the State of Connecticut. Verizon and ATC have agreed to the proposed shared use of the 196 Tolland Turnpike tower pursuant to mutually acceptable terms and conditions. Likewise, Verizon and ATC have agreed to the proposed installation of equipment cabinets on the ground within the existing compound. ATC has authorized Verizon and their agent, Network Building + Consulting, to apply for all necessary permits and approvals that may be required to share the existing tower. (See attached Letter of Authorization)

Verizon proposes to install twelve (12) antennas, (1) tower platform mount, (3) remote radio units at the 147-foot level along with, (1) over voltage protection device (OVP) and (3) hybrid cables. Verizon will install an equipment cabinet and a 50kw diesel generator on a 12'x20' concrete pad within the existing fenced compound.

C.G.S. § 16-50aa(c)(1) provides that, upon written request for approval of a proposed shared use, "if the Council finds that the proposed shared use of the facility is technically, legally, environmentally and economically feasible and meets public safety concerns, the council shall issue an order approving such a shared use." Verizon respectfully submits that the shared use of the tower satisfies these criteria.

A. Technical Feasibility. The existing ATC tower is structurally capable of supporting Verizon's proposed improvements. The proposed shared use of this tower is, therefore, technically feasible. A Feasibility Structural Analysis Report ("Structural Report") prepared for this project confirms that this tower can support Verizon's proposed loading. A copy of the Structural Report has been included in this application.

B. Legal Feasibility. Under C.G.S. § 16-50aa, the Council has been authorized to issue order approving the shared use of an existing tower such as the ATC tower. This authority complements the Council's prior-existing authority under C.G.S. § 16-50p to issue orders approving the construction of new towers that are subject to the Council's jurisdiction. In addition, § 16-50x(a) directs the Council to "give such consideration to the other state laws and municipal regulations as it shall deem appropriate" in ruling on requests for the shared use of existing tower facilities. Under the statutory authority vested in the Council, an order by the Council approving the requested shared use would permit the Applicant to obtain a building permit for the proposed installations.

C. Environmental Feasibility. The proposed shared use of the ATC tower would have a minimal environmental effect for the following reasons:

1. The proposed installation will have no visual impact on the area of the tower. Verizon's equipment cabinet would be installed within the existing facility compound. Verizon's shared use of this tower therefore will not cause any significant change or alteration in the physical or environmental characteristics of the existing site.

2. Operation of Verizon's antennas at this site would not exceed the RF emissions standard adopted by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). Included in the NIER report of this filing are the approximation tables that demonstrate that Verizon's proposed facility will operate well within the FCC RF emissions safety standards.

3. Under ordinary operating conditions, the proposed installation would not require the use of any water or sanitary facilities and would not generate air emissions or discharges to water bodies or sanitary facilities. After construction is complete the proposed installations would not generate any increased traffic to the ATC facility other than periodic maintenance. The proposed shared use of the ATC tower, would, therefore, have a minimal environmental effect, and is environmentally feasible.

D. **Economic Feasibility**. As previously mentioned, Verizon has entered into an agreement with ATC for the shared use of the existing facility subject to mutually agreeable terms. The proposed tower sharing is, therefore, economically feasible.

E. **Public Safety Concerns**. As discussed above, the tower is structurally capable of supporting Verizon's full array of twelve (12) antennas, (1) tower platform mount, (3) remote radio units at the 167-foot level along with, (1) over voltage protection device (OVP) and (3) hybrid cables and all related equipment. Verizon is not aware of any public safety concerns relative to the proposed sharing of the existing ATC tower.

Conclusion

For the reasons discussed above, the proposed shared use of the existing ATC tower at 196 Tolland Turnpike satisfies the criteria stated in C.G.S. §16-50aa and advances the Council's goal of preventing the unnecessary proliferation of towers in Connecticut. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Council issue an order approving the prosed shared use.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the contents of this package, please feel free to contact me at fangel@nbcllc.com or 510-697-9699.

Sincerely,

Finn Angel

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Land Use Associate

cc: Town of Willington First Selectman, Mike Makuch, 40 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT 06279
Town of Willington Zoning Officer, Michael D'Amato, 40 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT 06279
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