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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: **SUBPETITION NO. 1133-CING-20240605** – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC eligible facility request for modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at 1 Westerberg Drive, Farmington, Connecticut.

Dear Shannon Rutherford:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Farmington Planning and Zoning Department's recent correspondence concerning AT&T's request for approval of an Eligible Facilities Request (EFR) to install an emergency backup generator within a proposed extension of the fenced compound located at 1 Westerberg Drive, Farmington, under Petition No. 1133. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with the comments.

In October 2014, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted rules to encourage, to the maximum extent economically desirable, use of existing commercial wireless infrastructure to speed deployment of a nationwide public safety wireless broadband network. The FCC noted that collocation on existing structures is often the most efficient and economical solution for mobile wireless service providers that need new cell sites to expand their existing coverage area, increase their capacity or deploy new advanced services. The new rules relate to what constitutes a modification that substantially changes the physical dimensions of a tower or base station and require mandatory approval by a state or local entity with jurisdiction over telecommunications facilities within 60 days of submittal of an EFR if it meets the criteria under the FCC rules.

In reaching a final decision on an EFR, the Council carefully considers whether the EFR meets the FCC criteria.

Copies of your correspondence will be distributed to the service list.

Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding on our website at portal.ct.gov/csc under the "Pending Matters" link.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Melanie A. Bachman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Catherine Conklin, Site Acquisition Specialist, General Dynamics Information Technology
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From: Shannon Rutherford <rutherfords@farmington-ct.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 9:31 AM
To: Bachman, Melanie <Melanie.Bachman@ct.gov>
Subject: 1 Westerberg Dr. - ATT Generator

Hi Melanie –

I hope you are doing well.

A new request from ATT came in for the placement of a generator at the 1 Westerberg Dr. tower. I received it in May and have not seen added to the list of applications on the Siting Council website. (I could be missing it in the list.)

I've gone ahead and looked into a few things. I asked our surveyor to go to the property to approximate the lease area vs. the expanded fenced area for the generator. It appears the generator is within the lease area; although the north arrow on sheet A-1 is incorrect (it should be pointed to the left). The existing propane tank along the north edge of the fence is not shown.

Sheets A-0, 1 and 2 all indicate flood elevations have not been identified. The current ground elevation is approximately 162.2 (NAVD) the current FEMA flood elevation is 171, the draft revised maps dropped the flood elevation to 170 (NAVD). Sheet S-3 indicates the pier height above grade is approximately 9 ft. (above the flood elevation).

Is the diesel tank for the generator part of the generator and mounted up on the platform or is it separate and on the ground, I don't see a specific designation on the plan?

The plan notes the removal of at least two evergreen trees, consideration should be given to replacing these trees. If the equipment is mounted on 9ft to 10 ft platform it will exceed the height of the fence enclosure.

Thanks,
Shannon

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