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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: PETITION NO. 1212 - Town of Cheshire declaratory ruling for the Connecticut Siting Council to assume jurisdiction over an un-certificated telecommunications facility located at 1338 Highland Avenue, Cheshire, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Mercier:

On June 2, 2021, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received notice from the Town of Cheshire regarding damage to the property owner's roof from the panels that serve to camouflage the antennas installed at the above-referenced telecommunications facility. Specifically, one of the panels that serve to camouflage the antennas installed on the tower was flung from the structure and caused damage to the roof.

Please be advised that the Town requested the Council take jurisdiction over this facility due in part to public safety concerns related to the panels. The Council assumed jurisdiction over this facility on January 7, 2016 in Petition No. 1212. The record of the proceeding is available at this link:
https://portal.ct.gov/CSC/3_Petitions/Petition-Nos-0001-1219/PE1212-CheshireJurisdiction

The Council respectfully requests submission of written correspondence on or before Friday, June 11, 2021 regarding the obligations of American Tower under the lease agreement with respect to property damage and maintenance of the panels that serve to camouflage the antennas installed on the tower. Due to ongoing public safety concerns with the panels, the Council also respectfully requests submission of a structural analysis, or other analysis, specifically related to the safety and integrity of the panels and submission of any available alternative camouflage designs that could be employed on the structure in lieu of the panels.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

cc: Jon Manke, property owner, 1338 Highland Avenue, Cheshire
William Voelker, Cheshire Town Planner (wvoelker@chshirect.org)