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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL & CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

May 13, 2022

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Northeast Site Solutions  
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1488** - T-Mobile Northeast, LLC (T-Mobile) petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility on electric transmission line structure No. 3147, owned by Eversource Energy within an existing Eversource Energy electric transmission line right-of-way located at 140 Duncaster Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Sabo:

At a public meeting held on May 12, 2022, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) considered and ruled that the above-referenced proposal would not have a substantial adverse environmental effect, and pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 16-50k, would not require a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need with the following conditions:

1. Approval of any project changes be delegated to Council staff;
2. The Council shall be notified in writing at least two weeks prior to the commencement of site construction activities;
3. Unless otherwise approved by the Council, if the facility authorized herein is not fully constructed within three years from the date of the mailing of the Council's decision, this decision shall be void, and the facility owner/operator shall dismantle the facility and remove all associated equipment or reapply for any continued or new use to the Council before any such use is made. The time between the filing and resolution of any appeals of the Council's decision shall not be counted in calculating this deadline. Authority to monitor and modify this schedule, as necessary, is delegated to the Executive Director. The facility owner/operator shall provide written notice to the Executive Director of any schedule changes as soon as is practicable;
4. Any request for extension of the time period to fully construct the facility shall be filed with the Council not later than 60 days prior to the expiration date of this decision and shall be served on all parties and intervenors, if applicable, and the Town of Bloomfield;
5. Within 45 days after completion of construction, the Council shall be notified in writing that construction has been completed;
6. Any nonfunctioning antenna and associated antenna mounting equipment on this facility owned and operated by the Petitioner shall be removed within 60 days of the date the antenna ceased to function;

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7. The facility owner/operator shall remit timely payments associated with annual assessments and invoices submitted by the Council for expenses attributable to the facility under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v;
8. This Declaratory Ruling may be transferred, provided the facility owner/operator/transferor is current with payments to the Council for annual assessments and invoices under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v and the transferee provides written confirmation that the transferee agrees to comply with the terms, limitations and conditions contained in the Declaratory Ruling, including timely payments to the Council for annual assessments and invoices under Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50v; and
9. If the facility owner/operator is a wholly owned subsidiary of a corporation or other entity and is sold/transferred to another corporation or other entity, the Council shall be notified of such sale and/or transfer and of any change in contact information for the individual or representative responsible for management and operations of the facility within 30 days of the sale and/or transfer.

This decision is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Council and is not applicable to any other modification or construction. All work is to be implemented as specified in the petition dated February 4, 2022, and additional information received April 21, 2022.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the staff report on this project.

Sincerely,



Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director

MAB/IN/laf

Enclosure: Staff Report dated May 12, 2022

c: The Honorable Danielle Wong, Mayor, Town of Bloomfield (dwong@bloomfieldct.org)  
Stanley D. Hawthorne, Town Manager, Town of Bloomfield (shawthorne@bloomfieldct.org)



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**Petition No. 1488**  
**T-Mobile Northeast, LLC**  
**140 Duncaster Road**  
**Bloomfield, Connecticut**  
**Staff Report**  
**May 12, 2022**

**Introduction**

On February 15, 2022, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a petition from T-Mobile Northeast, LLC (T-Mobile) for a declaratory ruling pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed modification of an existing wireless telecommunications facility on an Eversource Energy-owned electric transmission line structure located at 140 Duncaster Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut (Petition or Project). Specifically, T-Mobile proposes to install an emergency backup generator for its existing equipment at the site.

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) §16-50j-40, on or about February 4, 2022, T-Mobile notified the abutting property owners and Town of Bloomfield (Town) officials. No comments from the Town or abutting property owners were received.

On February 16, 2022, the Council sent correspondence to the Town stating that the Council has received the Petition and invited the Town to contact the Council with any questions or comments by March 17, 2022. No comments were received.

On February 22, 2022, the Council sent correspondence to T-Mobile noting a deficiency in the completeness of the Petition. Specifically, pursuant to RCSA §16-50j-39a, the Petition did not include a filing fee. The Council recommended that the Petitioner submit the filing fee by March 21, 2022. The filing fee was submitted on February 23, 2022. Accordingly, by letter dated February 28, 2022, the Council rendered the Petition complete.

The Council issued interrogatories to T-Mobile on March 11, 2022. T-Mobile provided responses to the Council's interrogatories on April 21, 2022.

Pursuant to CGS §4-176(e) of the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act, an administrative agency is required to take action on a petition within 60 days of receipt. On April 7, 2022, pursuant to CGS §4-176(e), the Council voted to set the date by which to render a decision on the Petition as no later than August 14, 2022, which is the 180-day statutory deadline for a final decision under CGS §4-176(i).

**Existing Facility**

The Council issued a Declaratory Ruling to VoiceStream Wireless for collocation of telecommunications equipment on a pipe extension to an existing electric transmission line structure in Petition No. 472 on July 25, 2000.

The existing 87-foot monopole electric transmission line structure is owned by The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) and is located in the western portion of an approximately 2.63-acre undeveloped residential zoned parcel that is also owned by Eversource.

The structure hosts a 17-foot pipe extension with T-Mobile antennas attached to the pipe at 96-feet above ground level. T-Mobile's existing ground equipment consists of two equipment cabinets located on a 12-foot by 7-foot 6-inch concrete pad within a 19-foot by 17-foot fenced lease area between the tower and the existing Eversource access road to the west.

### **Proposed Project**

T-Mobile proposes to expand its existing lease area by 153 square feet and install a 25-kilowatt diesel-fueled emergency backup generator on a 10-foot by 4-foot concrete pad. The generator would have a 3-foot minimum safety clearance on all sides. T-Mobile would install an 8-foot wide double gate on the southwestern side of the expanded fenced lease area. An underground electrical connection would extend from the generator to an existing power protection cabinet. An automatic transfer switch would also be installed.

The proposed generator has a self-contained, 240-gallon doubled wall fuel tank that could provide 98 hours of run time at full electrical load before re-fueling is required. It also has leak detection alarms and a locked intrusion cover.

The proposed emergency backup generator would operate weekly on a 12-minute run cycle for testing. Noise from the operation of the emergency backup generator is exempt from the State Noise Control Regulations. Pursuant to RCSA §22a-174-3b, the generator would be managed to comply with DEEP's "permit by rule" criteria and is exempt from general air permit requirements.

Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) providers are licensed by and are under the jurisdiction and authority of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). At present, no standards for backup power for CMRS providers have been promulgated by the FCC.

Abutting land use is residential. Existing wooded buffers are present between the abutting properties and the equipment compound.

The estimated cost of the Project is \$40,000. Work hours/days would be 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday-Friday.

### **Environmental**

No trees would be removed. The installation is proposed to be located within an existing disturbed utility right of way immediately adjacent to the existing equipment compound. No wetlands are on the property or adjacent to the proposed installation. The proposed installation would not be visible from Duncaster Road. No substantial adverse environmental or visual impact is expected from the proposed installation.

### **Conclusion**

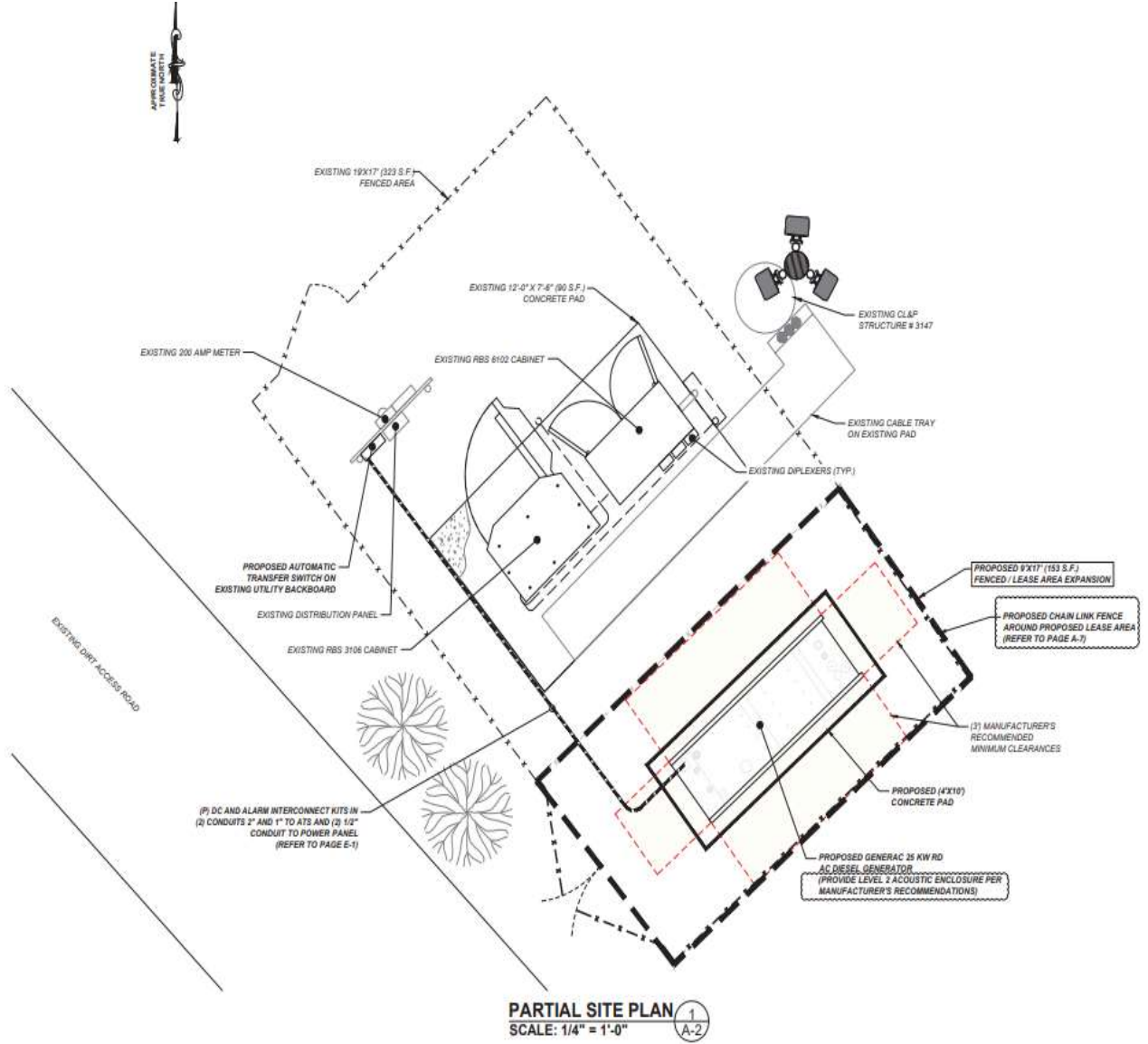
If approved, staff recommends the following conditions:

1. Approval of any project changes be delegated to Council staff; and
2. The Council shall be notified in writing at least two weeks prior to the commencement of site construction activities.

### Proposed Generator Location



### Site Plan





STATE OF CONNECTICUT )

: ss. Southington, Connecticut May 13, 2022

COUNTY OF HARTFORD )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Decision and Staff Report in Petition No. 1488 issued by the Connecticut Siting Council, State of Connecticut.

ATTEST:



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Melanie A. Bachman  
Executive Director  
Connecticut Siting Council

STATE OF CONNECTICUT )

: ss. New Britain, Connecticut May 13, 2022

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I certify that a copy of the Connecticut Siting Council Decision and Staff Report in Petition No. 1488 has been forwarded by Certified First Class Return Receipt Requested mail, on May 13, 2022, to all parties and intervenors of record as listed on the attached service list, dated February 16, 2022.

ATTEST:

/s/ Lisa A. Fontaine

Lisa A. Fontaine  
Fiscal Administrative Officer  
Connecticut Siting Council

**LIST OF PARTIES AND INTERVENORS**  
**SERVICE LIST**

<b>Status Granted</b>	<b>Document Service</b>	<b>Status Holder (name, address &amp; phone number)</b>	<b>Representative (name, address &amp; phone number)</b>
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