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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

December 5, 2022

Bridget H. Carnemolla, Ed.D.
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RE: **PETITION NO. 1547** – SBA Communications Corporation petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed replacement and extension of an existing telecommunications facility located at 277 Huckleberry Hill Road, Avon, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Carnemolla:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the Town of Avon Public School's correspondence dated December 2, 2022 concerning the above-referenced petition. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with the comments.

This petition will be placed on a future Council meeting agenda for discussion and decision. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this petition on our website at portal.ct.gov/csc under the "Pending Matters" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Before reaching a final decision on any petition, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the record that is developed by the Council, the petitioner, parties and intervenors to the petition, and all of the concerns received from members of the public who submit written statements to the Council.

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

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

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

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c: Service List, dated November 9, 2022

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2 December 2022

Ms. Melanie Bachman
Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Bachman:

The Town of Avon is currently planning a replacement of its existing public safety radio communications system. The proposed solution will improve communications for the Town's First Responders and requires a transmitting site located on the tower referenced in this docket.

Avon's current radio system experiences coverage gaps in most of the Avon Public School buildings. The current system's deficiencies pose a danger to the First Responders and therefore Avon Public Schools student body, faculty and staff should an emergency occur.

While this tower location does not directly provide RF coverage to our school buildings, this site is part of the larger replacement project which will improve communications for our First Responders in and around our schools. I am therefore in full support of the petition to extend the height of the existing tower to allow the proposed replacement of the public safety radio system to proceed and thereby improve public safety communications in our schools.

Sincerely,



Bridget H. Carnemolla, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Comment letters from other Town department heads are available
here: https://portal.ct.gov/CSC/3_Petitions/Petition-Nos-1501-1600/PE1547

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