

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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FROM: Melanie A. Bachman, Acting Executive Director

RE: Exempt Modification/Tower Share Filings

Pursuant to Section 16-50aa of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) shall issue an order approving shared use of a telecommunications facility if the proposed shared use of the facility is technically, legally, environmentally and economically feasible and meets public safety concerns.

Pursuant to Section 16-50j-72(b)(2)(B) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, changes on an existing telecommunications tower site that do not extend the boundaries of the site by any dimension shall not constitute a modification. "Site" is defined under Section 16-50j-2a(22) as "a contiguous parcel of property with specified boundaries, including, but not limited to, **the leased area**, right-of-way, access and easements on which a facility and associated equipment are located, shall be located, or are proposed to be located" (Emphasis added).

A Town Planner recently informed the Council that a request for installation of a backup generator at an existing telecommunications tower site was proposed outside of the boundaries depicted on the site plan approved by the town and expressed concern that the town, in the process of approving PCS towers prior to the Council assuming jurisdiction, was not aware that there were leased areas.

The Council hereby requests that a depiction or description of the leased area for the subject site be included with the site plan for requests for tower shares and exempt modifications. This information is critical to a determination that the requested shared use or requested modification does not extend the boundaries of the site by any dimension.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

