



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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June 29, 2018

Aaron Meyers
Centerline Communications
750 West Center Street, Floor 3
West Bridgewater, MA 02379

RE: **EM-CING-010-180620** - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 310 Watertown Road (a/k/a 2579 Litchfield Road, Watertown), Bethlehem, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Meyers:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on June 20, 2018. On June 22, 2018, the Council sent you correspondence that the exempt modification filing is incomplete due to lack of notice to the Town of Morris Planning and Zoning Department. As a supplement to the Council's June 22nd correspondence, upon further review and a check of available municipal information, the site referred to in your exempt modification filing is actually located in Bethlehem with an access road that extends to the site from 2579 Litchfield Road in Watertown.

Additionally, the owners of the underlying property on which the telecommunications facility is located are listed as Gary and Amy Swingle rather than Sugar Mountain Farm. Therefore, this exempt modification filing remains incomplete due to lack of notice to the appropriate entities.

The Council is in receipt of your proof of notice to the Town of Morris Planning and Zoning Department; however, the exempt modification filing must also be mailed to the chief elected official and Planning and Zoning Department of the Town of Bethlehem, the chief elected official and Planning and Zoning Department of the Town of Watertown and the correct underlying property owners – Gary and Amy Swingle.

Therefore, the exempt modification request remains incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Centerline Communications provide proof of notice to the chief elected official and Planning and Zoning Department of the Town of Bethlehem, the chief elected official and Planning and Zoning Department of the Town of Watertown and the correct underlying property owners – Gary and Amy Swingle on or before July 13, 2018. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to July 13, 2018.

This notice of incompleteness shall have the effect of tolling the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 60-day timeframe in accordance with Paragraph 217 of the FCC Wireless Infrastructure Report and Order issued on October 21, 2014 (FCC 14-153).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 860-827-2951.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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Enclosure: Council incomplete filing notification correspondence dated June 22, 2018.

c: The Honorable Leonard J. Assard, First Selectman, Town of Bethlehem

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SBA Communications, Tower owner
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June 22, 2018

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750 West Center Street, Floor 3
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RE: **EM-CING-087-180620** - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 310 Watertown Road, Morris, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Meyers:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on June 20, 2018.

According to Section 16-50j-71 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, "...any modification, as defined in Section 16-50j-2a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, to an existing tower site, except as specified in Sections 16-50j-72 and 16-50j-88 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, may have a substantial adverse environmental effect."

Staff has reviewed this exempt modification request for completeness and has identified a deficiency in filing due to lack of notice. The Council issued a memorandum on January 17, 2017 to filers of exempt modification filings requiring a notice of request for an exempt modification or tower share also be submitted to the respective Planning and Zoning Department. Please see attached.

The above referenced request for exempt modification filing lacks any indication that notice of the above referenced exempt modification filing was sent to the Planning and Zoning Department of the Town of Morris.

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Centerline Communications provide proof of notice to the Planning and Zoning Department of the Town of Morris on or before July 11, 2018. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to July 11, 2018.

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Enclosures

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Robert McIntosh, Planning and Zoning Chairman, Town of Morris
SBA Communications, Tower owner
Sugar Mountain Farms, Property owner

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Telecommunications Carriers and their Representatives

From: Melanie Bachman, Executive Director *MAB*

Re: Exempt Modification/Tower Share Filing Submissions to Municipal Planning and Zoning Officials

Date: January 17, 2017

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 16-50j-73 and §16-50j-88, the April 2013 Filing Guide for Modification of Existing Telecommunications Facilities, and the August 2013 Tower Share Filing Guide, a copy of the notice of request for an exempt modification shall be sent to the chief elected official of the municipality in which the facility is located. The Connecticut Siting Council requests that notice of request for an exempt modification or tower share **also** be submitted to the respective Planning and Zoning Department, effective immediately.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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