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Robert C. Wilson
Empire Telecom USA, LLC
16 Esquire Road
Billerica, MA 01862

RE: **EM-AT&T-030-180723** - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 14 Thompson Hill Road, Columbia, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on July 23, 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 the filing due to lack of notice to the municipal Planning and Zoning Department. The Council's January 17, 2017 memorandum is attached for your convenience. Also, the Construction Drawing sheet C-2 drawing 2 prepared by Centek Engineering Inc., last revised on April 30, 2018 shows a "proposed replacement antenna platform," which is not indicated in the Structural Analysis report by Paul J. Ford and Company dated November 8, 2017.

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Empire Telecom provide evidence that notice was provided to the municipal planning and zoning department, a mount analysis for the proposed equipment that is stamped and signed by a professional engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut and an updated Structural Analysis Report accounting for any required antenna mount modifications on or before August 22, 2018. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to August 22, 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 A. Bachman
Executive Director

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Enclosures: Council's January 17, 2017 Memo

c: The Honorable Steven M. Everret, First Selectman, Town of Columbia
Paula Stahl, Town Planner, Town of Columbia

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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.

MAB/FOC/laf



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