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Jack Andrews
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RE: EM-AT&T-052-180322 - AT&T Wireless notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 319-321 New Britain Avenue, Unionville (Farmington), Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Andrews:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on March 22, 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. The report entitled Tower Modification Design prepared by Maser Consulting, dated January 17, 2018 states that "...once the proposed modifications are installed and the existing AT&T antenna mounts found to be adequate under a separate report, the proposed AT&T installation can be installed as intended." Additionally, Sheet A-2 of the drawings prepared by Maser Consulting, last revised on January 18, 2018, states that "AT&T is to provide a structural analysis of the mounts, tower and tower foundation prepared by an appropriate licensed structural engineer certifying that the existing tower, mounts and any required improvements and reinforcements have sufficient capacity to support all existing and proposed antennas supports, cables and appurtenances complies with the most current local, state and federal codes." There is no mount analysis report provided with the exempt modification filing; therefore, it is unclear whether additional reinforcements would be required for the antenna mount, which would alter the proposed loading on the structure and require an updated structural analysis report.

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Empire Telecom provide a mount analysis report for the proposed exempt modification and, if applicable, an updated Structural Analysis Report accounting for any required antenna mount modifications provided on or before May 1, 2018. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to May 1, 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 signature

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Executive Director

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- c: The Honorable Nancy Nickerson, Chairman, Town of Farmington
Kathleen Eagen, Town Manager, Town of Farmington
William Warner, Town Planner, Town of Farmington

