May 5th, 2016

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director
Connecticut Siting Council
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: **Notice of Exempt Modification – Antenna Swap**
Property Address: **1021 Straits Tpke Middlebury, CT 06762**
Applicant: **AT&T Mobility, LLC**

Dear Ms. Bachman:

On behalf of AT&T, please accept this application as notification pursuant to R.C.S.A. §16-50j-73, for construction that constitutes an exempt modification pursuant to R.C.S.A. §16-50j-72(b) (2).

AT&T currently maintains a wireless telecommunications facility consisting of nine (9) wireless telecommunication antennas at an antenna center line height of 185-feet on an existing 195 –foot self-support lattice tower, owned by the Town of Middlebury at 1021 Straits Turnpike Middlebury, CT 06762. AT&T now intends to remove (3)) Power wave 7770 panel antennas on position 4 all sectors, while retaining three (3) Power wave 7770 panel antennas on position 1 all sectors, three (3) KMW AM-X_CD-16-65-005-RET on position 2 all sectors and install three (3) new Commscope SBNHH-1D65A on position4 all sectors (for a total of (9) panel antennas), at the 115-foot level. AT&T also intends to install WCS RRU32 to it along with SQUID, Fiber and DC trunks on the existing antenna masts and replace GSM diplexers with 2 triplexers.

This facility was unanimously approved by the Town of Middlebury Building and Zoning Departments with stipulations in the request of Nextel Communications for a Special Exception for a Radio Receiving Antenna Tower in Accordance with section 507.c.2 of the regulations for the property located at 1021 Straits Turnpike in a GI zone on August 24, 1999. Conditions of the structure approval by the town of Connecticut Siting Council were as follows: The addition of horizontal members at the tower base to reduce leg load compression as specified in the engineering report dated April 30, 1999 (supporting documents attached).

The following is a list of subsequent decisions by the Connecticut Siting Council:

TS-SCLP-081-990415 - Springwich Cellular Ltd. Partnership request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility in the Town of Middlebury Public Works Yard located at 1021 Straits Turnpike (Route 63) in **Middlebury**.
TS-BAM-081-990428 - Bell Atlantic Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at the Town of Middlebury Public Works Yard located at 1021 Straits Turnpike (Route 63) in **Middlebury**.
TS-NEXTEL-081-990518 - Nextel Communications request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1021 Straits Turnpike (Route 63) in **Middlebury**.
EM-CING-081-020930 - Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems LLC d/b/a Cingular Wireless notice of intent to modify existing telecommunications facilities located at 2 Larkin Drive, **Middlebury**, Connecticut. Structural Update Revisions. (part of **EM-CING-042-083-090-118-021113 -** Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems LLC d/b/a Cingular Wireless notice of intent to modify existing telecommunications facilities located in East Hampton, Middletown, New Canaan, and Ridgefield, Connecticut.)
EM-CING-148-081-014-060-060816 - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC notice of intent to modify existing telecommunications facilities located at 945 East Center Street, Wallingford; 1021 Straits Turnpike, **Middlebury**; 150 North Main Street, Branford; 1919 Boston Post Road, Guilford; and 21 Acorn Road, Branford, Connecticut.

Please accept this letter pursuant to Regulation of Connecticut State Agencies §16-50j-73, for construction that constitutes an exempt modification pursuant to R.C.S.A. § 16-5I0j-72(b) (2). In accordance with R.C.S.A. A copy of this letter is being sent to Edward B. St. John, First Selectman, Town of Middlebury1212 Whittemore Road, Middlebury, CT 06762(town property). A copy of this letter is also being sent FSP Phoenix Tower Corporation Property Management Company 401 Edgewater Pl, Wakefield, MA 01880 and Town of Middlebury- Land Owner Straits Tpke. Middlebury, CT 06762 .

The planned modifications to AT&T's facility fall squarely within those activities explicitly provided for in R.C.S.A. §16-50j-72(b) (2).

1. The proposed modifications will not result in an increase in the height of the existing tower. AT&T's replacement antennas will be installed at the 185-foot level of the 195-self-support lattice tower.
2. The proposed modifications will not involve any changes to ground-mounted equipment and, therefore, will not require and extension of the site boundary.
3. The proposed modifications will not increase the noise levels at the facility by six decibels or more, or to levels that exceed state and local criteria.
4. The operation of the modified facility will not increase radio frequency (RF) emissions at the facility to a level at or above the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) safety standard. A cumulative worst-case RF emissions calculation for AT&T's modified facility is provided in the RF Emissions Compliance Report, included in Tab 2.

5. The proposed modifications will not cause a change or alteration in the physical or environmental characteristics of the site.
6. The tower and its foundation can support AT&T's proposed modifications. (See Structural Analysis Report included in Tab 3).

For the foregoing reasons, AT&T respectfully submits that the proposed modifications to the above referenced telecommunications facility constitutes an exempt modification under R.C.S.A. §16-50j-72(b) (2).

Sincerely,

David Barbagallo

Enclosures
CC w/enclosures:

Edward B. St. John, First Selectman, Town of Middlebury
FSP Phoenix Tower Corporation- Property Management Company
Town of Middlebury – Land Owner