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September 23, 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 Turnpike 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 115-feet on an existing 346 foot–guyed tower, owned by SBA Communications, 8051 Congress Ave., Boca Raton, FL. 33487. AT&T now intends to Add LTE 1900 RRUS-12 at existing LTE Antenna // DUL to DUS upgrade

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:

EM-SPRINT/AT&T-081-991215 - Sprint PCS and AT&T Wireless PCS notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 1021 Straights Turnpike (a.k.a. 1 Service Road) in Middlebury, Connecticut.
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 Ron Van Winkle, City Manager, West Hartford Town Hall 50 South Main Street, Room 310 West Hartford, CT 06107. A copy of this letter is being sent to Edward B. St. John, First Selectman, Town of Middlebury1212 Whitmore 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 115-foot level of the 346-foot guyed 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

CC w/enclosures:

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

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