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Rodney Joujoute
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RE: **EM-AT&T-089-181127** – AT&T notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 723 Farmington Avenue, New Britain, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Joujoute:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on November 27, 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 request. Sheet C4 of the Construction Drawings indicates that the antennas are mounted on a platform, however the Structural Analysis (SA) Report provided with the request indicates a T-arm mount and the SA Report conclusion does not recommend any mount modifications. It is unclear if Smartlink is proposing to replace the Antenna Mount. Also, this facility was approved in Docket No. 303, of which Condition #2 states that the panel antennas shall be installed on the monopole using a flush or T-arm mounting configuration.

The sheets C3 and C4 of the Construction Drawings prepared by Infinigy, last revised on August 23, 2018, include a structural note referencing a mount analysis prepared by Infinigy and dated July 17, 2018. No mount analysis is included with the request for exempt modification; 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 Smartlink provide a mount analysis for the proposed equipment that is stamped and signed by a professional engineer duly licensed in the State of Connecticut and, if applicable, an updated Structural Analysis Report accounting for any required antenna mount modifications and a Construction Drawing that is consistent with the SA Report, on or before January 4, 2019. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to January 4, 2019.

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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- c: The Honorable Erin Stewart, Mayor, City of New Britain
- Sergio Lupo, Director of License Permit & Inspections, City of New Britain