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NOTICE OF EXEMPT MODIFICATION

302 Ball Pond Rd., New Fairfield, CT 06812

Lat: 41-27-53.2 (41.46477778)
Long. 73-29-49 (-73.49694444)

Dear Ms. Bachman:

AT&T Wireless currently maintains nine (9) antennas at the 135 foot level of an existing 175 foot tall monopole tower located at 302 Ball Pond Rd., in New Fairfield, CT. The tower is owned by Town of New Fairfield. The property is owned by Town of New Fairfield. AT&T Wireless now seeks to replace three (3) existing RRU12 + A2 Remote Radio Units with three (3) new RRUS32B2 units. These replacement RRUs will be installed at the 135 foot level of the tower and be mounted on existing pipes next to the monopole, behind the antennas.

The facility was most recently approved by the Connecticut Siting Council in EM-CING-091-160310, dated March 28, 2016. Six (6) conditions were enumerated in the Council's decision:

1) Any deviation from the modification as specified in the Notice and supporting materials shall render this acknowledgement invalid;
2) Any material changes to the modification as proposed shall require the filing of a new Notice with the Council;
3) Within 45 days after the completion of construction the Council shall be notified in writing that the construction has been completed;
4) Any nonfunctioning antenna and antenna mounting equipment on this facility owned and operated by AT&T shall be removed within 60 days after the antenna ceased to function;
5) The validity of the action shall expire one year from the date of the letter; and
6) The applicant may request an extension of time beyond the one year deadline provided that such a request is submitted to the Council not less than 60 days prior to the expiration.

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Please accept this letter as notification pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies section 16-50j-73 for construction that constitutes an exempt modification pursuant to RCSA section 16-50j-72(b)(2). In accordance with RCSA section 16-50j-73, a copy of this letter and attachments is being sent to the Honorable Susan Chapman, First Selectman of the Town of New Fairfield, and another letter to the Town of New Fairfield as both the tower owner and the property owner.

The planned modifications to the facility fall squarely within those activities expressly provided for in RCSA section 50j-72(b)(2).

1. The proposed modifications will not result in an increase in height of the existing structure.

2. The proposed modifications will not require an extension of the site boundary.

3. The proposed modifications will not increase noise levels at the facility by six decibels or more, or to levels that will exceed state and local limits.

4. The operation of the replacement antennas will not increase radio frequency emissions at the facility to a level at or above the Federal Communications Commission safety standard.

5. The proposed modifications will not cause a change or alteration in the physical or environmental characteristics of the site.

6. The existing structure and its foundation can support the proposed loading.

For the foregoing reasons, AT&T Wireless respectfully submits that the proposed modifications to the above referenced telecommunications facility constitute an exempt modification under RCSA section 16-50j-72(b)(2).

Respectfully submitted,

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