



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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July 25, 2019

Romina Kirchmaier  
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RE: **EM-AT&T-103-190606** – AT&T Mobility, LLC notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 613 Connecticut Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Kirchmaier:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on June 6, 2019. On June 17, 2019, the Council issued a letter (enclosed) stating that the request for exempt modification was incomplete and recommended that Smartlink, LLC provide a more detailed Structural Analysis and a Construction Drawing that references the 2015 International Building Code (IBC) and the 2017 National Electrical Code (NEC), on or before July 15, 2019. On July 10, 2019, the Council received a SA Report dated June 28, 2019 that referenced modification drawings but no CD were provided. The referenced modification drawings were not provided with the response. The Council issued a second incomplete letter recommending that Smartlink provide clarification on the proposed modifications referenced above, the modification drawings if applicable, and a CD that references the 2015 IBC and the 2017 NEC, on or before August 5, 2019.

On July 24, 2019 the Council received a revised SA clarifying no modifications are required at this time and a CD that still references the 2012 IBC and the 2014 NEC. However, the State of Connecticut has adopted the 2015 IBC and the 2017 NEC as amended in the 2018 CSBC effective October 1, 2018.

Therefore, the request for exempt modification remains incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Smartlink provide a CD that references the 2015 IBC and the 2017 NEC on or before August 26, 2019. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to August 26, 2019. **Please provide an electronic version and one hard copy of the revised CD for the request to be rendered complete and processed.**

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.

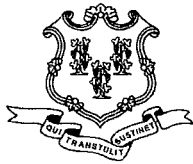
Sincerely,

Melanie Bachman  
Executive Director

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c: The Honorable Harry W. Rilling, Mayor, City of Norwalk  
Steven Kleppin, Director of Planning & Zoning, City of Norwalk





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Dear Ms. Kirchmaier:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on June 6, 2019. On June 17, 2019, the Council issued a letter (enclosed) stating that the request for exempt modification was incomplete because the Structural Opinion Letter provided with the request did not include enough information for the Council to assess the ability of the existing monopole tower structure to accommodate the proposed modifications and equipment loading. Also the Construction Drawings provided referenced the 2012 International Building Code (IBC) and the 2014 National Electric Code (NEC). The Council recommended that Smartlink, LLC provide a more detailed SA and a CD that references the 2015 IBC and the 2017 NEC, on or before July 15, 2019.

On July 10, 2019, the Council received only a Structural Analysis Report dated June 28, 2019 but no Construction Drawings were provided. Staff also observed that Item no. 4.1) Recommendations, on page 7 of the SA states "The tower and its foundations have sufficient capacity to carry the proposed load configuration once the proposed modifications are installed." No modification drawings have been provided with the response.

Therefore, the exempt modification request remains incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Smartlink, LLC provide clarification on the proposed modifications referenced above, the modification drawings if applicable, and a CD that references the 2015 IBC and the 2017 NEC, on or before August 5, 2019. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to August 5, 2019. **Please provide an electronic version and one hard copy of the response for the incomplete request to be rendered complete and processed.**

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.

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Enclosure: Incomplete Letter dated June 17, 2019

c: The Honorable Harry W. Rilling, Mayor, City of Norwalk  
Steven Kleppin, Director of Planning & Zoning, City of Norwalk



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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 Structural Opinion Letter (SA) provided with the request. The SA does not include enough information for the Council to assess the ability of the existing monopole tower structure to accommodate the proposed modifications and equipment loading. Some of the required information includes, but is not limited to the following:

- The percentage structural capacity of the monopole tower structure, its foundation and mount, if applicable; and
- The recommendations and conclusions of the structural analysis

Also, the Construction Drawing (CD) prepared by Fullerton Engineering Design and dated March 11, 2019 references the 2012 International Building Code (IBC) and the 2014 National Electric Code (NEC); however, the State of Connecticut has adopted the 2015 IBC and the 2017 NEC as amended in the 2018 CSBC effective October 1, 2018.

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Smartlink, LLC provide a more detailed SA that contains, but is not limited to, all the information referenced above and a CD that references the 2015 IBC and the 2017 NEC, on or before July 15, 2019. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to July 15, 2019. **Please provide an electronic version and one hard copy of the revised SA and CD, for the incomplete request to be rendered complete and processed.**

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