



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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RE: **EM-AT&T-148-190301** – AT&T Mobility notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 23 Wayne Road, Wallingford, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Coughlin:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on March 1, 2019.

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 Self-Support Tower Modifications (SA) dated November 16, 2018 and Construction Drawings (CD) last revised February 22, 2019 both prepared by Maser Consulting. The CD refers to the 2016 Connecticut State Building Code (CSBC) and the SA refers to the 2012 International Building Code (IBC); however, the 2018 CSBC which incorporates the 2015 IBC became effective on October 1, 2018 and should be applied to this project. Also, page 1 and page 4 of the Antenna Mount Analysis provided with the request, dated November 30, 2018 and prepared by Maser Consulting, indicates a failed Mount Utilization of 220%.

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Empire Telecom provide a passing Mount Utilization equal to or below 100%, and an updated SA and CD that reference the current 2018 CSBC and any required mount modifications, on or before April 8, 2019. If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to April 8, 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 William W. Dickinson, Jr., Mayor, Town of Wallingford  
Kacie Hand, Town Planner, Town of Wallingford

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