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TO: Telecommunications Carriers and their Representatives
FROM: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director
RE: **Notices of Exempt Modification - New Procedures and Policies**

At a public meeting held on February 14, 2008, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) adopted new procedures and policies relative to the processing of notices of exempt modification (EM) filings. Effective immediately, EM filings will no longer be placed on the agendas of our energy/telecommunications meetings. These items will be reviewed by Council staff and handled administratively pursuant to the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 16-50j-72. This process is intended to save paper and postage costs by requiring less copies and eliminating the need to mail each filing to the Council members. Accordingly, going forward, please provide an original and five copies of any EM filings to our office instead of the past practice of an original and 25 copies.

In lieu of mailing the EM filings to Council members, Council staff will prepare a list of the EM filings received and provide a summary sheet to be mailed to Council members approximately twice per month. Council members will then have the opportunity to contact Council staff with questions and request copies of the EM filings if desired. Approximately 15 days after the mailing of a summary sheet to Council members, if no outstanding questions/concerns on an EM filing remain, an acknowledgement letter will be prepared and mailed to the applicant. However, a Council member may request that an EM filing be placed on the Council agenda if further discussion is prudent.

To allow sufficient time for staff review of the EM filings, Council review of the summary sheets, and processing of the acknowledgement letters, please allow approximately 30 days from receipt of the EM filing to the mailing of the acknowledgement letter.

These new policies and procedures will only apply to exempt modifications. Tower shares will continue to be processed in the usual manner and will require Council action at an energy/telecommunications meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

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