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Petition No. 142  
Tele-Media Company  
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Staff Report

Tele-Media Company of Northeastern Connecticut (Tele-Media) is petitioning the Siting Council for a declaratory ruling that a needed increase in the height of the existing 60' guyed tower on Perrin Road in Woodstock is not a significant change in the physical nature of the tower and is therefore not a modification under Section 16-50i(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes or Section 16-50j-2(1) of the Regulations of State Agencies. Tele-Media proposes to raise the height of the existing tower by 20', resulting in an 80' tower. This 20' increase is necessary in order to obtain a clear line of sight between this tower and the Tele-Media head-end site in Ashford.

Tele-Media had offered the lessor of the site \$2000 for the right to trim the nearby trees, but he refused this offer. The only alternative left to Tele-Media is to raise the height of this tower by one 20' tower section.

At the present time, the tower and microwave dish are effectively screened by trees. In a telephone conversation with Tele-Media General Manager Doug Best, staff confirmed that about 8' of the new tower section, including the dish, would be visible after the proposed height increase. The dish would be located at the 75' level of the tower. The remaining 72' of the tower would continue to be screened by trees, as shown in the photographs of the site supplied by Tele-Media in this petition. Tele-Media estimates the necessary work can be completed in one day at a total cost of approximately \$3000.

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