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Via Online

Routt County, CO
136 6th Street, Suite 200
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487
970-879-2704

RE: AT&T Eligible Facilities Request Application for a Building Permit to modify an existing Wireless Tower or Base 30700 County Road 14B, Steamboat Springs CO, 80487

Dear Planning Division:

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC dba AT&T Mobility ("AT&T") submits the enclosed application and associated documents, which qualify as an Eligible Facilities Request (EFR), seeking the requisite approvals and building permit to modify an existing wireless facility at the above referenced property.¹ The EFR includes work necessary to improve wireless service quality and provide coverage and capacity for the FirstNet first-responder platform on AT&T's network.

Conceived by the *9/11 Commission Report* as necessary for first responder communications, Congress created the federal First Responder Network Authority, which selected AT&T to build and manage FirstNet, the first-ever nationwide first-responder wireless network. Deployment of FirstNet in the subject area will improve public safety by putting advanced wireless technologies into the hands of public safety agencies and first responders.²

Your Minor Use Permit Application forms along with the applicable fees are submitted with this letter and should be processed concurrently. AT&T submits these materials under Section 6409 of the federal Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C.A. §1455). That law provides:

"a State or **local government** may not deny, and **shall approve**, any eligible facilities request for a modification of an existing wireless tower or base station that does not substantially change the physical dimensions of such tower or base station."

Under 47 C.F.R. 1.6100(c)(1), a siting authority can only require information that is reasonably related to determining whether a request meets the requirements of an EFR. To assist with your review, an EFR Application is enclosed that applies the proposed modification to the relevant law and regulations, and it includes information pertinent to your review. Additional materials are beyond the limited scope of the controlling federal rule and cannot be required in connection with this EFR.

As demonstrated in the EFR Application, this modification is an EFR and must be approved. Federal rule 47 C.F.R. 1.6100(c)(2) provides that within 60 days of the date on which an applicant submits an EFR request,

¹ See 47 C.F.R. 1.6100(b)(3).

² For more information about FirstNet, see <https://www.firstnet.gov/> and <https://www.youtube.com/embed/p-zyDCSaDug>.

the local government shall approve the application unless it determines that the application is not an EFR. An EFR application will be deemed approved after written notice on or after Day 61.³

Due to the public safety benefits associated with this EFR, AT&T respectfully requests that the requisite approvals and building permit be issued within 15 days but no later than 60 days from the date of this letter, so that AT&T can proceed with this important modification expeditiously thereafter. If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact me.

Sincerely,

AT&T Mobility, West

Cc: Crafton Communications

Enclosures: Minor Use Permit Application
 Construction Drawings
 Structural Analysis

³ See 47 C.F.R. 1.6100(c)(4).