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WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES**

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**ADDENDUM A. WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES**

**A.1.0 Statement of Purpose**

This regulation establishes standards and requirements and permitting procedures for wireless communication facilities that are subject to local zoning regulation in Connecticut. Its purpose is to regulate the placement of antennas, towers, and other regulated wireless communication facilities to protect the health, safety and welfare of the City, and to provide for locations consistent with the City's Plan of Development and the purposes of these Regulations, to minimize adverse visual effects through proper design, siting and screening, to avoid potential damage to adjacent properties, to provide for orderly removal of abandoned facilities.

**A.2.0 Definitions**

The following definitions shall apply solely to this Addendum:

**Antenna** - The surface from which wireless radio signals are sent and received by a personal wireless service facility.

**Adequate Coverage** - Coverage is considered to be "adequate" within that area surrounding a base station where the predicted or measured median field strength of the transmittal signal is greater than or equal to -95dbm for at least 75% of the intended coverage area. It is acceptable for there to be holes within the area of adequate coverage where the signal is less than -95dbm, as long as the signal regains its strength to greater than or equal to -95dbm further away from the base station. For the limited purpose of determining whether the use of a repeater is necessary or desirable, there shall be deemed not to be adequate coverage within said holes. The outer boundary of the area of adequate coverage, however, is that location past which the signal does not regain strength of greater than or equal to -95dbm.

**Adequate Capacity** - Capacity is considered to be "adequate" if the Grade of Service (GOS) is p.05 or better for median traffic levels offered during the typical busy hours, as assessed by direct measurement of wireless communication facility in question. The GOS shall be determined by the use of standard Erlang B calculations. As call blocking may

occur in the land line or radio portions of a wireless network, adequate capacity shall apply only to the capacity of the wireless components.

Where capacity must be determined prior to the installation of the wireless communication facility in question, adequate capacity shall be determined on the basis of a 20% busy hour (20% of all offered traffic occurring within the busiest hour of the day), with total daily traffic based on aggregate estimates of the expected traffic in the coverage area.

**Camouflaged** - A wireless communication facility that is disguised, hidden, part of an existing or proposed structure, or placed within an existing or proposed structure is considered "camouflaged."

**Carrier** - A company that provides wireless services.

**Co-location** - The use of a single mount on the ground by more than one carrier (vertical co-location) and/or several mounts on an existing building or structure by more than one carrier.

**Elevation** - The elevation at grade or ground level may be given in many ways, usually Above Mean Sea Level (AMSL). The height of a wireless service facility is often given in Above Ground Level (AGL). AGL is a measurement of height from the natural grade of a site to the highest point of a structure. The Total elevation of the wireless service facility is AGL plus AMSL.

**Environmental Assessment (EA)** - An EA is the document required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) when a wireless communication facility is placed in certain designated areas.

**Equipment Shelter** - An enclosed structure, cabinet, shed or box at the base of the mount within which are housed batteries and electrical equipment.

**Fall Zone** - The area on the ground within a prescribed radius from the base of a wireless communication facility. The fall zone is the area within which there is a potential hazard from falling debris (such as ice) or collapsing material.

**Guyed Tower** - A monopole or lattice tower that is tied to the ground or other surface by diagonal cables.

**Lattice Tower** - A type of mount that is self-supporting with multiple legs and cross-bracing of structural steel.

**Licensed Carrier** - A company authorized by the FCC to construct and operate a wireless communication facility.

**Monopole Tower** - The type of mount that is self-supporting with a single shaft of wood, steel, concrete or other material and platforms (or racks) for antennas arrayed at the top.

**Mount** - The structure or surface upon which antennas are mounted, including the following four types of mounts:

1. Roof-mounted. Mounted on the roof of a building.
2. Side-mounted. Mounted on the side of a building.
3. Ground-mounted Tower. Mounted on the ground.
4. Structure-mounted. Mounted on a structure other than a building.

**Omnidirectional (whip) Antenna** - A thin rod that transmits and receives a signal in all directions.

**Panel Antenna** - A flat surface antenna usually operated in multiples.

**Radiofrequency Engineer (RF)** - An engineer specializing in electrical or microwave engineering, especially the study of radio frequencies.

**Radiofrequency Radiation (RFR)** - The emissions from any device that propagates a wave form for the purpose of communication, including wireless communication facilities.

**Regulated Facility, Service and/or Site** - All facilities including mounts, towers and antennas and the site(s) these facilities are located on relating to personal communication services and any other wireless telecommunication service subject to local zoning regulation.

**Security Barrier** - A locked, impenetrable wall, fence or berm that completely seals an area from unauthorized entry or trespass.

**Separation** - The distance between one carrier's array of antennas and another carrier's array.

### **A.3 Use Regulations**

#### **A3.1 Exemptions**

The following shall be exempt from this regulation.

A3.1.1 Repair and maintenance of towers and antennas.

A3.1.2 Antenna used solely for residential television and radio reception.

A3.1.3 Satellite antenna measuring 2 meters or less in diameter and located in commercial districts, and satellite antenna measuring 1 meter or less in diameter regardless of location.

#### **A3.2 Permitted Uses**

The following regulated facilities located on existing structures or co-located shall be Permitted Uses in all districts subject to Site Plan approval:

A3.2.1 Camouflaged. A regulated facility which is completely camouflaged and not recognizable as part of a wireless facility such as within a flagpole, steeple, chimney, or similar structure.

A3.2.2 Existing Structure. A regulated facility on an existing structure (whether or not it is conforming in terms of height) including but not limited to a guyed, lattice, or monopole tower, fire tower or water tower, provided it does not increase the height of the existing structure.

A3.2.3 Utility Structures. An antenna(s) located on an electric transmission and distribution tower, telephone pole and similar existing utility structure. The installation may increase the height of the existing structure by no more than twenty feet, except in designated historic districts (or other historic or scenic areas of the City as shown on a map on file in the Planning and Zoning Office) or within 150 feet of the paved portion of a City road or State highway proposed for or designated as a scenic road or highway.

A3.2.4 Building (roof or side) mounts provided it does not project more than ten feet above the building height.

A3.2.5 Building (roof or side) mounts may locate on a building or structure legally non-conforming with respect to height, provided it does not project above the existing building or structure height, or more than 10 feet above the height limit of the zoning district.

A3.2.6 Police and Emergency Services. A regulated facility intended solely for the purpose of Police, Fire, Ambulance and other Emergency Dispatch. A tower may be erected as a permitted use for these purposes unless it is to be shared by a commercial wireless service carrier which shall require a Special Exception.

#### **A3.3 Special Exception Use**

The following co-located regulated facilities and ground mounted towers shall require a Special Exception and Site Plan approval:

- A3.3.1 Regulated facilities located on existing structures or co-located that do not qualify as a Permitted Use as set forth in Section A.3.2 above.
- A3.3.2 All Ground Mounted Towers.

#### **AA.4.0 General Standards and Requirements for Permitted and Special Exception Uses**

##### **A4.1 Location**

Wherever feasible, regulated facilities shall be located on existing structures, including but not limited to buildings, water towers, existing telecommunications facilities, municipal properties, utility poles and towers provided the installation preserves the character and integrity of those structures.

A4.1.1 Applicants are urged to consider use of existing telephone and electric utility structures as sites for regulated facilities.

A4.1.2 The following zoning districts are considered preferred locations for new free standing towers: LB, CIR, I, and IP.

The following zoning districts are the least preferred locations for free standing towers: RRC, R-15, R-15s, R-10s, R-10, and R-6.

##### **A4.1.3 Site Justification for Ground Mounted Tower**

An application for a ground mounted tower shall include a detailed site justification report which:

A. The applicant shall provide written documentation of all regulated facility sites in the City and any facility sites outside of the City that are within two (2) miles of the proposed site, in which it has a legal interest, whether by ownership, leasehold or otherwise. From each such regulated facility site, it shall demonstrate with written documentation that these facility sites are not already providing, or do not have the potential by adjusting the site to provide adequate coverage and/or adequate capacity to the City.

B. Demonstrates that the proposed location (which includes both tower position and antenna height) is superior to other potential locations for the proposed uses.

C. Documents that signal strength service objectives are consistent with accepted engineering practice for all proposed uses of the tower.

D. Includes complete and accurate propagation plots in relation to scaled elevation drawings addressing all facilities to be installed on the tower.

E. Demonstrates that for each proposed use of the tower the proposed height is the minimum necessary to provide adequate coverage as defined in these regulations.

F. Demonstrates that the tower can accommodate both the applicant's antennas and at least two other carriers' antennas and a municipal antenna if the tower is over one hundred feet high.

##### **A4.2 Visibility - Camouflage and Color**

The Commission shall apply the following standards and requirements to minimize the visual impact of proposed regulated facilities.

##### **A4.2.1 Requirements for Existing Buildings or Structures.**

A. Roof Mount. Where a roof mount extends above the roof the applicant shall demonstrate every effort has been made to conceal the mount within or behind existing architectural features to limit visibility from public streets.

B. Side Mount. Side mounts shall blend with the existing architecture and, if over 5 square feet, shall be painted or shielded with material consistent with the design features and materials of the building.

C. Mounts and antennas located on an historic structure shall be fully removable without diminishing the historic quality of the structure.

D. Regulated facilities in a local historic district shall be concealed within or behind existing architectural features, or shall be located so that they are not visible from public roads and viewing areas within the district.

#### A4.2.2 **Requirements for proposed Ground Mounted Towers.**

A. The Commission may require that proposed ground mounted towers provide a vegetated buffer of sufficient height and a depth to screen the facility to the extent feasible. The required buffer shall not be greater than 50 feet in width. Trees and vegetation may be existing on the subject property or installed as part of the proposed facility or a combination of both. Where it is not feasible to fully buffer a facility, the applicant shall submit a landscape plan prepared by a Connecticut licensed landscape architect or a landscape gardener. The landscape plan shall recommend the type of tree and plant materials and depth of buffer appropriate to the site, design, height and location of the facility. The Commission may require reasonable modifications to the landscape plan where it determines such are necessary to minimize the visual impact of the facility on the neighborhood and community character.

B. The Commission may require that the ground mounted tower be camouflaged as a tree or other feature.

#### A4.2.3 **Historic and Scenic Roads and Areas.**

A. The Commission may approve a ground mounted tower located in an open area visible from a public road, recreational area, or residential development only where it has been demonstrated by the applicant to the satisfaction of the Commission that the proposed service cannot be reasonably provided in a location on an existing structure or a co-location.

B. A regulated facility located within 300 feet of a City or State designated scenic road, may exceed the height of vegetation at the proposed location only where the applicant has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Commission that the proposed regulated facility cannot be reasonably placed in another location.

#### A4.2.4 **Tree Cover and Sight Line Information**

Where the Commission determines that tree cover and/or sight line information, including viewpoints (points from which view is taken) and visible points (points being viewed), are necessary to determine compliance with the standards in this section the Commission may require the following:

A. Tree cover on the subject property and adjacent properties within 300 feet, by dominant species and average height, as measured by or available from a verifiable source.

B. Sight lines and photographs. A sight line representation shall be drawn from any public road within 300 feet and the closest facade of each residential building (viewpoint) within 300 feet to the highest point (visible point) of the regulated facility. Each sight line shall be depicted in profile, drawn at one-inch equals 40 feet. The profiles shall show all intervening trees and buildings. In the event there is only one (or more) residential building within 300 feet there shall be at least two sight lines from the closest habitable structures or public roads, if any.

- a. Existing (before) condition photographs. Each sight line shall be illustrated by one four-inch by six-inch color photograph of what can currently be seen from any public road within 300 feet.
- b. Proposed (after) condition photographs. Each of the existing condition photographs shall have the proposed regulated facility superimposed on it to show what will be seen from public roads if the proposed personal wireless service facility is built.

C. Sight elevations. Siting elevations, or views at-grade from the north, south, east and west for a 50-foot radius around the proposed regulated facility plus from all existing public and private roads that serve the subject property. Elevations shall be at either one-quarter inch equals one foot or one-eighth inch equals one foot scale and show the following:

- a. Antennas, mounts and equipment shelter(s), with total elevation dimensions and AGL of the highest point.
- b. Security barrier. If the security barrier will block views of the regulated facility, the barrier drawing shall be cut away to show the view behind the barrier.
- c. Any and all structures on the subject property.
- d. Existing trees and shrubs at current height and proposed trees and shrubs at proposed height at time of installation, with approximate elevations dimensioned.
- e. Grade changes, or cuts and fills, to be shown as original grade and new grade line, with two-foot contours above mean sea level.

#### **A4.4 Environmental and Safety Standards.**

A4.4.1 No hazardous waste shall be discharged on the site of any Regulated Facility. If any hazardous materials are to be used on site, there shall be provisions for full containment of such materials. An enclosed containment area shall be provided with a sealed floor, designed to contain at least 110% of the volume of the hazardous materials stored or used on the site.

A4.4.2 Radiofrequency Radiation (RFR) Standards and Requirements. The applicant shall provide documentation that all equipment proposed for a regulated facility is authorized according to FCC Guidelines for Evaluating the Environmental Effects of Radiofrequency Radiation (FCC Guidelines) or its successor publication.

#### **A.5.0 Additional Standards and Requirements for Ground Mounted Tower Special Exception Uses**

##### **A5.1 Feasible Alternative**

Where a ground mounted tower is proposed, the applicant shall have the burden of proving that there are no feasible existing structures or co-location sites upon which to locate.

##### **A5.2 Setback**

In order to ensure public safety, the minimum distance from the base of any new proposed ground-mounted tower to any property line, road, habitable dwelling, business or institutional use, or public recreational area shall be the height of the tower including any antennas or other appurtenances

##### **A5.3 Setback Reduction**

In its consideration of the visual and safety impacts of a proposed ground mounted tower, the Commission may reduce the required setback area (as required above) by not more than 50% or allow the setback to be measured into a neighboring property where:

- A. a monopole tower is proposed;
- B. such reduction permits a tower site plan with better camouflage and overall design than alternative sites;

C. the setback area within a neighboring property is not developed and will be subject to a legally binding agreement preventing development during the time the tower is in place.

## **A.6. Application Filing Requirements**

The following shall be included with an application for a Special Permit or Site Plan Application for all regulated facilities. The Commission may waive one or more of the following required submissions if the Commission determines that the information is not necessary.

### **A6.1 General Filing Requirements**

A licensed carrier shall either be an applicant or a co-applicant and shall provide documentation of qualifications as a "licensed carrier."

### **A6.2 Location Filing Requirements**

- A6.2.1 A line map to scale showing the lot lines of the subject property and all properties within 300 feet and the location of all buildings, including accessory structures, on all properties shown.
- A6.2.2 A City-wide map showing the other existing non-residential wireless service facilities in the City and outside the City within five miles of its boundary.
- A6.2.3 The locations of all existing and potential future wireless service facilities in the City on a City-wide map for this carrier.

### **A6.3 Site Plan Requirements**

The following Site Plan requirements shall be in addition to the requirements of Section 8.4 of these regulations regarding Site Plan. Where the requirements of this section are more restrictive than that of Section 8.4 these requirements shall apply. For a permitted use the Commission may determine that the information specified under subsections 7 and 8 is not needed to determine compliance with this regulation. A one-inch-equals-40 feet vicinity plan shall be submitted showing the following:

- A6.3.1 Property lines for the subject property.
- A6.3.2 Property lines of all properties adjacent to the subject property within 300 feet.
- A6.3.3 Outline of all existing buildings, including purpose (e.g. residential buildings, garages, accessory structures, etc.) on subject property and all adjacent properties within 300 feet.
- A6.3.4 Proposed location of antenna, mount and equipment shelter(s).
- A6.3.5 Proposed security barrier, indicating type and extent as well as point of controlled entry.
- A6.3.6 Location of all roads, public and private, on the subject property and on all adjacent properties within 300 feet including driveways proposed to serve the regulated facility.
- A6.3.7 Distances, at grade, from the proposed regulated facility to each building on the vicinity plan.
- A6.3.8 Contours at each two feet AMSL (see definition section) for the subject property and adjacent properties within 300 feet.
- A6.3.9 All proposed changes to the existing property, including grading, vegetation removal and temporary or permanent roads and driveways.
- A6.3.10 Representations, dimensioned and to scale, of the proposed mount, antennas, equipment shelters, cable runs, parking areas and any other construction or development attendant to the personal wireless service facility.
- A6.3.11 Lines representing the sight line showing viewpoint (point from which view is taken) and visible point (point being viewed) from "Sight Lines" sub-section below.

### **A6.4 Design Filing Requirements**

- A6.4.1 Equipment brochures for the proposed regulated facility such as manufacturer's specifications or trade journal reprints shall be provided for the antennas, mounts, equipment shelters, cables as well as cable runs, and security barrier, if any.
- A6.4.2 Materials of the proposed regulated facility specified by generic type and specific treatment (e.g., anodized aluminum, stained wood, painted fiberglass, etc.). These shall be provided for the antennas, mounts, equipment shelters, cables as well as cable runs, and security barrier, if any.

- A6.4.3 Colors of the proposed regulated facility represented by a color board showing actual colors proposed. Colors shall be provided for the antennas, mounts, equipment shelters, cables as well as cable runs, and security barrier, if any.
- A6.4.4 Dimensions of the regulated facility specified for all three directions: height, width and breadth. These shall be provided for the antennas, mounts, equipment shelters and security barrier, if any.
- A6.4.5 Appearance shown by at least two photographic superimpositions of the regulated facility within the subject property. The photographic superimpositions shall be provided for the antennas, mounts, equipment shelters, cables as well as cable runs, and security barrier, if any, for the total height, width and breadth. The Commission may determine that this information is not needed for a Permitted Use.
- A6.4.6 Landscape plan prepared by a Connecticut licensed landscape architect or landscape gardener including existing trees and shrubs and those proposed to be added, identified by size of specimen at installation and species.
- A6.4.7 Within 15 days of the public hearing on an application for a Special Permit, the applicant shall arrange for a balloon or crane test at the proposed site to illustrate the height of a ground mounted tower. The Commission may require that the balloon or crane remain in place for a period of up to three consecutive days. The applicant shall inform the Planning and Zoning Department of the dates of the test.
- A6.4.8 If lighting of the site is proposed, the applicant shall submit a manufacturer's computer-generated point-to-point printout, indicating the horizontal foot candle levels at grade, within the property to be developed and twenty-five (25) feet beyond the property lines. The printout shall indicate the locations and types of luminaries proposed.

#### **A6.5 Radiofrequency Radiation (RFR) Filing Requirements**

The applicant shall provide a statement listing the existing and maximum future projected measurements of RFR from the proposed regulated facility, for the following situations:

- A6.5.1 Existing or ambient: the measurements of existing RFR;
- A6.5.2 Existing plus proposed facilities: maximum estimate of RFR from the proposed Regulated Facility plus the existing RFR environment.
- A6.5.3 Certification, signed by a RF engineer, stating that RFR measurements are accurate and meet FCC Guidelines as specified in the Radiofrequency Radiation Standards sub-section of this regulation.

#### **A6.6 Federal Environmental Filing Requirements**

- A6.6.1 The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) applies to all applications for wireless communication facilities. NEPA is administered by the FCC via procedures adopted as Subpart 1, (47 CRF Ch. I). The FCC requires that an environmental assessment (EA) be filed with the FCC prior to beginning operations for any wireless communication facility proposed in or involving any of the following:
  - A. Wilderness areas.
  - B. Wildlife preserves.
  - C. Endangered species habitat.
  - D. Historical site.
  - E. Indian religious site.
  - F. Flood plain.
  - G. Wetlands.
  - H. High intensity white lights in residential neighborhoods.
  - I. Excessive radiofrequency radiation exposure.
- A6.6.2 At the time of application filing, an Environmental Assessment that meets FCC requirements shall be submitted to the Commission for each Regulated Facility site that requires such an environmental assessment to be submitted to the FCC.
- A6.6.3 The applicant shall list location, type and amount (including trace elements) of any materials proposed for use within the facility that are considered hazardous by the federal, state or local government.

### **A.7.0 Co-location**

- A7.1 Licensed carriers shall share facilities and sites where feasible and appropriate, thereby reducing the number of facilities that are stand-alone. All applicants for a Special Exception for a regulated facility shall demonstrate a good faith effort to co-locate with other carriers. Such good faith effort includes:
- A. A survey of all existing structures that may be feasible sites for co-locating wireless service facilities;
  - B. Contact with all the other licensed telecommunication facility carriers operating in the service area of the proposed facility and timely response to co-location inquiries from other providers; and
  - C. Sharing information necessary to determine if co-location is feasible under the design configuration most accommodating to co-location.
- A7.2 In the event that co-location is found to be not feasible, a written statement of the reasons for the infeasibility shall be submitted to the Commission. The Commission may retain a technical expert in the field of RF engineering to verify if co-location at the site is not feasible or is feasible given the design configuration most accommodating to co-location. The cost for such a technical expert will be at the expense of the applicant as provided by City Ordinance. The City may deny a Special Exception to an applicant that has not demonstrated a good faith effort to provide for co-location.
- A7.3 If the applicant does intend to co-locate or to permit co-location, the Commission shall request drawings and studies which show the ultimate appearance and operation of the Regulated Facility at full build-out.
- A7.4 If the Commission approves co-location for a regulated facility site, the Special Exception shall indicate how many facilities of what type shall be permitted on that site. Facilities specified in the Special Exception approval shall require no further zoning approval. However, the addition of any facilities not specified in the approved Special Exception shall require a new Special Exception. Estimates of RFR emissions will be required for all facilities, including proposed and future facilities.

### **A.8.0 Modifications**

A modification of a regulated facility may require a Special Exception application where the following events apply:

- A8.1 The applicant and/or co-applicant wants to alter the terms of the Special Exception by changing the regulated facility in one or more of the following ways:
- A. Change in the number of facilities permitted on the site;
  - B. Change in technology used for the regulated facility.
- A8.2 The applicant and/or co-applicant wants to add any equipment or additional height not specified in the original design filing.

### **A.9.0 Monitoring and Maintenance**

- A9.1 After the regulated facility is operational, and where required by the Commission, the applicant shall submit, within 90 days of beginning operations existing measurements of RFR from the facility. Such measurements shall be signed and certified by a RF engineer, stating that RFR measurements are accurate and meet FCC Guidelines as specified in the Radiofrequency Standards section of this Regulation. The Commission or the City Planner may also request this information be provided on an annual basis.
- A9.2 The applicant and co-applicant shall maintain the regulated facility in good condition. Such maintenance shall include, but shall not be limited to, painting, structural integrity of the mount and security barrier, and maintenance of the buffer areas and landscaping.

### **A.10.0 Abandonment or Discontinuation of Use**

- A10.1 At such time that a licensed carrier plans to abandon or discontinue operation of a regulated facility, such carrier will notify the Commission by certified U.S. mail of the proposed date of abandonment or discontinuation of operations. Such notice shall be given no less than 30 days prior to abandonment or discontinuation of operations. In the event that a licensed carrier fails to give such notice, the regulated facility shall be considered abandoned upon such discontinuation

of operations. When the facility has not been operated for a continuous period of twelve months, it shall be considered abandoned.

- A10.2 Upon abandonment or discontinuation of use, the carrier shall physically remove the facility within 90 days from the date of abandonment or discontinuation of use. "Physically removed" shall include, but not be limited to:
- A. Removal of antennas, mount, equipment shelters and security barriers from the subject property.
  - B. Proper disposal of the waste materials from the site in accordance with local and state solid waste disposal regulations.
  - C. Restoring the location of the facility to its natural condition, except that any landscaping and grading shall remain in the after-condition.
- A10.3 If a carrier fails to remove a regulated facility in accordance with this section of this regulation, the City shall have the authority to enter the subject property and physically remove the facility. The Commission may require the applicant to post a bond at the time of construction to cover costs for the removal of the Regulated Facility in the event the City must remove the facility.

**A11.0 Reconstruction or Replacement of Existing Towers and Monopoles** - Guyed towers, lattice towers, utility towers and monopoles in existence at the time of adoption of this regulation may be reconstructed, altered, extended or replaced on the same site by Special Exception, provided that the Commission finds that such reconstruction, alteration, extension or replacement will not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood and/or the City than the existing structure. In making such a determination, the Commission shall consider whether the proposed reconstruction, alteration, extension, or replacement will create public benefits such as opportunities for co-location, improvements in public safety, and/or reduction in visual and environmental impacts.

**A.12.0 Term of Special Exception**

A Special Exception issued for any ground mounted tower over fifty (50) feet in height shall be valid for fifteen (15) years. At the end of that time period, the regulated facility shall be removed by the carrier or a new Special Exception shall be required.

END OF AMENDMENT