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**RE: 1015 GRANDVIEW AVENUE
WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES PWTF1911857
(Sprint)**

Dear Ms. Perez:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Glendale Municipal Code, Chapter 30.48.020 for a wireless telecommunications facility permit, the Community Development Department processed your application for continued operation and minor modification (remove and replace three antennas and associated equipment) of an existing wireless telecommunications facility (on the roof of an existing four-story commercial building) located at **1015 Grandview Avenue**. The property is located in the "SFMU" - San Fernando Mixed Use Zone, described as Portion of Lot 2, P.M. 182-70-71, in the City of Glendale, County of Los Angeles.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

This project is exempt from environmental review as a Class 1 "Existing Facility" exemption pursuant to Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines because the project involves the modification of existing equipment and facilities on the roof of an existing building.

Note: Pursuant to Section 704(a), Title 7 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, only the Federal Government may regulate the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions from wireless telecommunications facilities.

REQUIRED/MANDATED FINDINGS

After considering the evidence presented with respect to this application, the plans submitted therewith, the Director of Community Development has **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS** your application based on the following findings:

1. To the maximum extent reasonably feasible, the proposed wireless telecommunications facility has been designed to achieve compatibility with the community.

The applicant is proposing modifications to an existing wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of an existing, four-story, commercial building located in the SFMU Zone. The wireless facility location was originally established in 1999 by Variance No. 9995-S and Conditional Use Permit No. 9994-CU. Variance No. 9995-S was approved without an expiration date to allow the installation and operation of a new unmanned wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of an existing building, where the proposed height (58 feet, 8 inches) exceeded the maximum height (35 feet) allowed in the Industrial/Commercial Zone. Conditional Use Permit No. 9994-CU was approved with conditions to allow the installation and operation of a new unmanned wireless telecommunications facility; this approval expired in 2002. The current proposal is to remove and replace three antennas with related equipment and cabling at the same location, as further detailed below:

Existing equipment to be removed:

- Three 2.5GHz RFS panel antennas with associated cabling
- Three 2.5GHz alcatel-lucent RRH's(remote radio head) with associated cabling
- Three antenna pipe masts

New equipment to be installed:

- Three Nokia 2.5GHz airsacle MIMO antennas
- Three MIMO mountain brackets
- Three 0.82" hybrid cables
- One mMIMO junction box
- One mMIMO airsacle BBU(baseband unit) in existing cabinet
- One ALU 9712 cabinet with plinth
- One 60A breaker in existing panel
- One 3½" antenna pipe mast
- One 1½" rigid conduit interconnect kit from ALU 9712 cabinet to existing BBU cabinet for power jumper
- One 2" rigid conduit interconnect kit from ALU 9712 cabinet to existing BBU cabinet for power jumper
- One 2" rigid conduit interconnect kit from junction box to existing BBU cabinet for power jumper
- Two 2" rigid conduit interconnect kit from ALU 9712 cabinet to junction box for fiber and DC jumpers
- One 2" galvanized rigid conduit from existing panel to ALU 9712 cabinet
- One multimode fiber from junction box to BBU (1 BBU per sector) and power jumpers

Aside from the proposed replacements/upgrades, no changes to the wireless telecommunications facility will affect its design and compatibility with the community. The subject facility is on the roof of an existing, four-story, commercial building. The proposed and existing antenna panels are mounted on the exterior of the existing, 12-foot tall, rooftop penthouse. The penthouse is centrally located on the roof, approximately 30 feet from the nearest parapet wall and not readily visible at the building edge. Since the proposed antennas and associated equipment will be installed in the same location as the previous antennas and equipment, the appearance of the wireless facility on the building will look largely the same. In order to further minimize visual impact, the proposed antennas and accessory equipment will be painted to match the color of the building. No building or structure within 500 feet of the project has building height above or equal to the subject four-story building; the facility is not visible from the street level and is designed to achieve community compatibility. In addition, the removal and replacement of the wireless equipment will not increase the height or significantly affect the overall appearance of the existing wireless facility. The location was selected to fill a gap in coverage, provide better quality service, and meet existing demand in the area. Therefore, it is compatible with the service needs of the community.

2. Alternative configurations will not increase community compatibility or are not reasonably feasible.

Alternative configurations will not increase community compatibility and are not reasonably feasible. For the past 20 years, the existing wireless facility has operated without incidents or complaints on record. Given the minor scope of the project, which is remove and replace three antennas and associated equipment, alternative configurations would not increase community compatibility. The existing configuration effectively mounts antennas and associated equipment onto the exterior wall of the centrally located penthouse (approximately 30 feet from the roof edge), which results in less visibility from surrounding properties. Changing the configuration may result in covering a larger area and may require additional structures on which to mount the wireless equipment. Further, alternative configurations would reduce the effectiveness of the wireless facility. The existing configuration appears to be the most compatible as it is located at an existing site.

3. Alternative locations on the site will not increase community compatibility or are not reasonably feasible.

Alternative locations on the site are not reasonably feasible and will not increase community compatibility. The location of the existing facility is on the roof of an existing, four-story, commercial building. The wireless facility needs to be located at the highest elevation possible in order to effectively transmit signals. The current location is the most effective, as the proposed and exiting antennas are mounted on the exterior walls of the existing rooftop penthouse. The location fills a gap in coverage with as little impact as possible on the building and the surrounding neighborhood. Because the application request is to make minor modifications to

an existing facility, relocating it elsewhere on the subject site would not be reasonably feasible.

4. The location of the wireless telecommunications facility on alternative sites will not increase community compatibility or is not reasonably feasible.

Locating the facility on alternative sites will not increase community compatibility and is not reasonably feasible, because the application request is to update an existing wireless facility without changing or expanding its physical layout. The existing location and physical layout were in place for the last 20 years. The wireless carrier has a network of facilities, with each facility designed to cover a particular area. Locating the facility on an alternative site will cause significant connectivity issues and loss of cellular coverage within the carrier's targeted area. In addition, relocating to an alternate site would create an additional facility, which would not be compatible with the community. Given the minor scope of the project, which is remove and replace three antennas and associated equipment, identifying a new site or relocating to an alternative site would not be reasonably feasible and will not increase community compatibility.

5. The facility is necessary to close a significant gap in coverage.

The proposed modification is necessary to close a significant gap in coverage. The proposed site is necessary to boost existing cellular coverage along the San Fernando corridor. The City's Wireless Systems Administrator reviewed the application materials and maps, and concurred that this site and the proposed modifications are necessary to fill a gap in coverage consistent with the ordinance for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Permits.

6. The applicant has submitted a statement of its willingness to allow other carriers to co-locate on the proposed wireless telecommunications facility wherever technically and economically feasible and where co-location would not harm community compatibility.

The applicant has submitted a statement of their willingness to allow other carriers to collocate on the site, wherever technically and economically feasible and aesthetically desired, as required in Glendale Municipal Code Section 30.40.020(H)(1)(i).

7. Noise generated by equipment will not be unnecessary, excessive, annoying nor be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare.

No excessive noise will be generated by the proposed work, as the existing equipment is on the roof. The existing equipment to remain, along with the proposed equipment, will not emit any noise decibels in excess of established noise standards contained in Chapter 8.36 of the Glendale Municipal Code.

8. The facility complies with all of the requirements of state and federal laws, regulations and orders.

The applicant has provided an engineering certification demonstrating planned compliance with all existing federal radio frequency emission standards, and has provided self-certification that the facility complies with any other federal and state laws that may apply to this facility.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

APPROVAL of this Wireless Telecommunication Facility (WTF) shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. That the development shall be in substantial accord with the plans submitted with the application except for any modifications as may be required to meet specific Code standards or other conditions stipulated herein to the satisfaction of the Director of Community Development.
2. That all necessary permits (i.e., building, fire, engineering, etc.) shall be obtained from the Building and Safety Division and all construction shall be in compliance with the Glendale Building Code and all other applicable regulations.
3. That all licenses, permits as required or approvals from Federal, State, County or City authorities, including the City Clerk, shall be obtained and kept current at all times.
4. That the premises shall be made available and accessible to any authorized City personnel (e.g., Building, Fire, Police, Planning, and Neighborhood Services, etc.) for inspection to ascertain that all conditions of approval are in compliance.
5. That design review approval or exemption shall be obtained prior to the issuance of a building permit.
6. That all non-functional or obsolete equipment shall be removed from the site.
7. That any transmissions shall not produce noise or other disturbances, which would interfere with normal activities in the area.
8. That any equipment service lighting shall be directed into the work area and shielded away from adjacent properties.
9. That all exterior antennas and equipment, including cables and supports, shall be painted to match the existing building.

10. That the project shall comply with any conditions specified in the Radio Frequency-Electromagnetic Energy Compliance Report in order to bring the site into compliance with FCC rules and regulations.
11. That the premises be maintained in a clean and orderly condition, free of weeds, trash and graffiti.
12. That the authorization granted herein shall be valid for a period of **TEN (10) YEARS UNTIL OCTOBER 30, 2029**, until at which time, a reapplication must be made prior to the expiration date.

APPEAL PERIOD

The applicant's attention is called to the fact that this grant is not a permit or license and that any permits and licenses required by law must be obtained from the proper City and public agency.

Under the provisions of the Glendale Municipal Code, Title 30, Chapter 30.62, any person affected by the above decision has the right to appeal said decision to the Planning Commission if it is believed that the decision is in error or that procedural errors have occurred, or if there is substantial new evidence which could not have been reasonably presented. It is strongly advised that appeals be filed early during the appeal period and in person so that imperfections/incompleteness may be corrected before the appeal period expires. Any appeal must be filed on the prescribed forms within fifteen (15) days following the actual date of the decision. Information regarding appeals and appeal forms will be provided by the Permit Services Center (PSC) or the Community Development Department (CDD) upon request and must be filed with the prescribed fee prior to expiration of the 15-day period, on or before **November 14, 2019** at the Permit Services Center (PSC), 633 East Broadway, Room 101, Monday thru Friday 7:00 am to 12:00 pm, or at the Community Development Department (CDD), 633 East Broadway, Room 103, Monday thru Friday 12:00 pm to 5 pm.

APPEAL FORMS are available on-line at: <http://www.glendaleca.gov/appeal>

TIME LIMITS (GMC Chapter 30.41)

Termination

Every right or privilege authorized by a Wireless Telecommunications Facility shall terminate two (2) years after the granting of such, unless the exercise of such right or privilege has commenced in good faith prior to such time, except as otherwise provided for.

Lapse of Privilege

A Wireless Telecommunications Facility may be terminated by the review authority upon any interruption or cessation of the use permitted by the Wireless Telecommunications Facility for one year or more in the continuous exercise in good faith of such right and privilege.

Time Extension

Permits granted by such right or privilege may be requested one time and extended for up to a maximum of one (1) additional year upon receipt of a written request from the applicant and demonstration that a reasonable effort to act on such right and privilege has commenced within the two (2) years of the approval date. In granting such extension the applicable review authority shall make a written finding that neighborhood conditions have not substantially changed since the granting of the Wireless Telecommunications Facility.

TRANSFERABILITY

This authorization runs with the land or the use for which it was intended for and approved. In the event the property is to be sold, leased, rented or occupied by any person or corporation other than yourself, it is incumbent that you advise them regarding the conditions and/or limitations of this grant.

VIOLATIONS OF THESE CONDITIONS

Violations of conditions required by this determination may constitute a misdemeanor or infraction under section 1.20.010 of the Glendale Municipal Code (GMC) and/or a violation of other local, State or Federal laws or regulations. Unless a specific penalty is provided, any person convicted of a misdemeanor shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or imprisonment for a term not to exceed six (6) months, or by both fine and imprisonment. Infractions are punishable by a fine not exceeding the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each violation. Violations of conditions required by this determination may be grounds for a revocation.

REVOCACTION

Section 30.64.020 – Revocation – The Community Development Department shall have continuing jurisdiction over variances, conditional use permits, administrative exceptions and wireless telecommunications facilities. To consider the revocation, the Director of Community Development shall hold a public hearing after giving notice by the same procedure as for consideration of a wireless telecommunications facilities at least ten (10) days' notice by mail to the applicant or permittee.

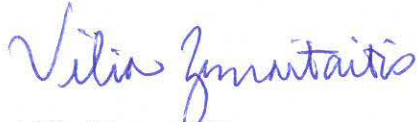
NOTICE – SUBSEQUENT CONTACTS WITH THIS OFFICE

The Applicant is further advised that all subsequent contacts with this office regarding this determination must be with the Case Planner first and then, the Hearing Officer who acted on this case. This would include clarification, verification of condition compliance and plans or building permit applications, etc., and shall be accomplished **by appointment only** (in order to assure customer service with a minimum amount of waiting). You should advise any consultant representing you of this requirement as well.

Should you have any questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact the case planner, Minjee Hahm during normal business hours at her direct line (818) 937-8178 or via email at mhahm@glendaleca.gov.

Sincerely,

PHILIP LANZAFAME
Director of Community Development



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Planning Hearing Officer

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