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**LETTER AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION NSA-15-36-L1**

**APPLICANT:** Michael Birndorf, FDH Velocitel

**OWNER:** Washington State Department of Transportation

**FILE NO.:** NSA-15-36-L1, Amendment to NSA-15-36

**REFERENCE NO.:** Administrative Decision for NSA-15-36, recorded in Skamania County Auditor File #2016-002095, on October 6, 2016.

**PROJECT:** Replacement of an existing 100' telecommunications tower (114' overall height) with a new 100' telecommunications tower of the same overall height. Existing equipment will be relocated and new antennas will be installed on the new tower. New chain link fencing will be added and some vegetation removed to accommodate the expanded enclosure of the tower site.

**LOCATION:** F.S. Road 2932, Stevenson and identified as Skamania County Parcel #03-10-17-4-0-0400-00.

**LEGAL:** See page 4.

**ZONING:** General Management Area – Commercial Forest (F-1)

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March 28, 2017

Dear Mr. Birndorf,

The Community Development Department issued a final Administrative Decision on April 26, 2016, for the above referenced application, NSA-15-36. On March 15, 2017, we received a National Scenic Area Letter Amendment Application which proposes minor modifications to this approval.

The original administrative decision approved the replacement of an existing telecommunications tower with a new telecommunications tower of the same overall height. The plans called for the existing equipment to be relocated and new antennas to be installed on the new tower. Approval was also granted to expand the enclosed area of the communications facility and add additional chain link fencing.

Your Letter Amendment Application requests the following change:

"The proposed minor modification to this permit consists of expanding a portion of the fenced tower compound to the northwest by an additional (10) ten feet. This is necessary because, as part of the final engineering of the project, it was determined that larger than anticipated drilled pier foundations are required to support the new tower. Expanding the compound will result in the need to removed some additional vegetation, including (3) three fir trees."

Pursuant to SCC §22.06.080(B), a change or alteration to an approved action, if determined to be minor by the Director, may be "deemed consistent with the provisions of this Title and the findings and conclusions on the original application." Your request constitutes a minor change and is consistent with the findings and conclusions in your original application; therefore, the original decision shall be amended as stated above.

The modified site plan attached to this Letter Amendment shall replace the one attached to the Administrative Decision. The amendment is hereby **approved**. All of the original conditions in the Administrative Decision are still valid and applicable to this development. **This letter amendment shall be recorded at the County Auditor's office prior to commencement of construction.** If you have any questions, please call me at 509-427-3900.

Sincerely,



Alan Peters  
Assistant Planning Director

Attached: Letter Amendment Application  
Modified Site Plan  
Original Site Plan  
Vicinity Map

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cc: Skamania County Building Division  
Persons w/in 500 feet  
Yakama Indian Nation  
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation  
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs  
Nez Perce Tribe  
Columbia River Gorge Commission  
U.S. Forest Service - NSA Office  
Board of County Commissioners  
Friends of the Columbia Gorge  
Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation  
Washington Department of Commerce  
Department of Fish and Wildlife

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**The Director reserves the right to provide additional comment and findings of fact regarding this decision, if appealed.**

This Administrative Decision shall be final unless reversed or modified on appeal. A written Notice of Appeal form must be filed by an interested person within 20 days from the date hereof. Appeals are to be made to the Skamania County Hearing Examiner, P.O. Box 1009, Stevenson, WA 98648. Notice of Appeal forms and mailing lists are available at the Community Development Department and must be accompanied by a \$2,450.00 nonrefundable-filing fee and a Certificate of Mailing.

The final determination of the Environmental Threshold Determination related to this underlying government action can be appealed to a court of competent jurisdiction, along with the underlying government action, only by the parties with standing to the Environmental Threshold Determination. If the underlying government action was exempt from SEPA review, this section does not apply.

### **Legal Description**

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A communications facility located within a rectangular tract of land situated in the East half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 10 East of the Willamette Meridian, in Skamania County, Washington, described as follows:

Beginning at the corner which is common to the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 20 and the Southwest Quarter of Section 17, said sections being in Township 3 North, Range 10 East of the Willamette Meridian; in Skamania County, Washington; thence North 102.9 feet to the true point of beginning; thence West 208.7 feet; thence North 208.7 feet; thence East 208.7 feet; thence South 208.7 feet to the true point of beginning.

**Application**

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**NATIONAL SCENIC AREA LETTER AMENDMENT**  
(Please complete application in ink)

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 Property Owner: Washington State Dept. of Transportation E-mail: yoond@wsdot.wa.gov  
 Address: PO BOX 47388 Home: ( )  
 Olympia, WA 98504 Work: (360) 705-7301  
 Site Address: F.S. Road 2932 - Parcel #03-10-17-4-0-0400-00  
 Tax Lot/Parcel #  
 Location of Property: Top of Underwood Mountain

**Minor Modification Project Description (Attach additional sheets if necessary):**

This is in reference to NSA-15-36 AT&T/WSDOT (Underwood Mountain Tower Replacement).  
 The proposed minor modification to this permit consists of expanding a portion of the fenced tower compound to the northwest by an additional (10) ten feet. This is necessary because, as part of the final engineering of the project, it was determined that larger than anticipated drilled pier foundations are required to support the new tower. Expanding the compound will result in the need to remove some additional vegetation, including (3) three fir trees.

Attached Plans (if applicable): ☒ Modified Site Plan ☐ Modified Elevation ☐ Other

Applicant signature(s):

Date:

Owner signature(s):

Date:

Signature of the property owner(s) authorizes the Community Development Department and other Agency personnel reasonable access to the site in order to evaluate the application.

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Legal description attached: Yes / No	Date complete	MAR 15 2017
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