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SCH #: _____

Project Title: AT&T Downieville Cell Tower

Lead Agency: Sierra County

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Project Location: Downieville, CA (*City*) Sierra County (*County*)

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed Project consists of the construction of a new telecommunication facility with a 120-foot-tall lattice cell tower and associated ground equipment. The Project would be a part of the greater effort of AT&T Wireless to improve the existing wireless network coverage in Sierra County. The proposed 120-foot-tall cell tower would include 9 panel antennas and 24 remote radio heads/units. In addition to the tower, the Project would include the installation of a 30 kilowatt backup generator with acoustic enclosure and a walk-in structure to house communication equipment. (SCPD File no. 1669)

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The Initial Study analyzes the environmental impacts of the Project consistent with the format and analysis prompts provided in Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines. The analysis determined that the Project would require mitigation measures for impacts associated with the following resource categories: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use, Noise, Tribal Cultural Resources, Wildfire, and Mandatory Findings of Significance. The analysis determined that all impacts identified in the Initial Study would be less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures to avoid or minimize the impacts identified. Detailed analyses of impacts are provided under each resource section evaluated in the Initial Study.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Aesthetics: This project, if approved, would allow construction of the first cell tower in western Sierra County and the rural town of Downieville, within the Scenic Corridor Overlay Zoning District and the General Plan's designated Special Treatment Area--Scenic Corridor.

There is also added risk of forest fire in a Cal Fire-designated Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone with the proposed installation of new electrical equipment, diesel generator, and fuel storage facilities in this densely-forested and rural residential area in a steep canyon.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (NSAQMD)
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)