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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: X County of Orange Clerk-Recorder
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

X Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title and File Number: SM Ford Cell Site Modification (Planning Application RSM 22-001)

Project Applicant: Plancom Inc. on behalf of Verizon
250 El Camino Real, Suite 117
Tustin, CA 92780

Telephone Number: (949) 370-5939

Project Location: 30031 Santa Margarita Parkway, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

Project Description: A Changed Plan to authorize minor modifications to an existing wireless communication facility at the Santa Margarita Ford dealership. The proposed modifications include the installation of four rounded dormer vents to the tower roof and the replacement of antennas and related equipment within the existing tower. The replacement of the antennas and related equipment is an Eligible Facilities Request pursuant to Section 6409(a) of the Spectrum Act of 2012. Because the project includes the installation of new dormer vents to the tower roof, a Changed Plan is required. According to the Applicant, the project will enhance and support existing wireless service for Verizon subscribers in the City.

Public Agency Approving Project: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268));
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption (state type, section and class number)

Section 15301 Class 1: Existing Facilities

Section 15311 Class 11: Accessory Structures

Reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15311 (Accessory Structures), the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1 and Class 11 categorical exemptions since the project involves the installation of minor accessory structures, new rooftop dormer vents, to an existing tower that houses an existing wireless communication facility. The project includes no expansion of the existing building footprint and project site area beyond the existing project site area. Furthermore, all necessary public services and facilities are already available to the project site, and approval of the project will not result in significant adverse effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.

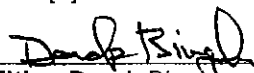
Lead Agency: City of Rancho Santa Margarita

Contact Person: Derek Bingham, Associate Planner

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If filed by Applicant: N/A

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?
 Yes No

Signature: 
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Date: February 1, 2022