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RE: Irish Pub Telecommunications Facility, Project#782440, FCC

Mr. Rieb,

At the Monday, May 20, 2019 Landmarks Commission meeting, the commission reviewed the proposed project. State Street was determined eligible to the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register in 1995, and while not listed, continues to serve as a significant historic commercial corridor in Madison. The Landmarks Commission requested additional information to be able to determine if there is an adverse effect. The drawings in the submission do not provide the level of detail necessary to determine what the new equipment would look like from the pedestrian perspective along State Street. They request perspectives that include renderings of what the building will look like with the new equipment installed.

Additionally, staff has reviewed the proposal and believes there are zoning and building code concerns related to introducing equipment that crosses property lines. In relation to the impact to historic resources, staff believes that introduction of additional equipment along the walls of the building will result in an adverse effect due to the cumulative effect of the amount of antennas. Traditionally, mechanical and electrical equipment is located on rooftops, but the introduction of so much equipment on the sides of a highly visible building will impact the historic character of the building. If not installing this equipment on the rooftop, it is possible to install it horizontally along the side parapet walls? That solution has the potential to also resolve meeting setbacks per zoning and building code issues with installing equipment that crosses property lines.

Thank you for including us in the review of this project.

Sincerely,

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