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May 29, 2025

To: Parties on attached Service List

Re: Application for a Certificate of Public Good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248a

Applicants: Vertex Towers, LLC (“Vertex”) and Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems, LLC  
d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Verizon”)

Project: Construction of a Wireless Telecommunications Facility

Location: 1030 Route 100 South, Rochester, VT 05767

Landowners: Julia and Charles Martin

Dear Statutory Party:

Our firm represents Vertex and Verizon. You are receiving this notification because Vertex and Verizon intend to file an application with the Public Utility Commission (“Commission”), under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. § 248a (“Section 248a”), for a Certificate of Public Good to allow the construction of a wireless telecommunications facility (“Project”) in the Town of Rochester, Vermont. The “Notice” provision of the Section 248a process, as amended, requires that:

The applicant must provide written notice, at least 60 days in advance of filing a Section 248a application, to the following entities:

- (a) the legislative bodies and municipal and regional planning commissions in the communities where the project will be located;
- (b) the Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources;
- (c) the Agency of Transportation;
- (d) the Division for Historic Preservation;
- (e) the Commissioner of the Department of Public Service and its Director for Public Advocacy;
- (f) the Natural Resources Board...;
- (g) the landowners of record of property adjoining the project sites; and
- (h) the Public Utility Commission...

The application will be filed in accordance with the *Order Adopting Revised Standards and Procedures Implementing 30 V.S.A. § 248a*, issued by the Commission on January 18, 2023, (“Amended Order”), and the Standards and Procedures Applicable to Electronic Filing Using ePUC, eff. January 17, 2017 (“ePUC Procedures”).

Copies of the Amended Order and ePUC Procedures are available on the web at <http://puc.vermont.gov> and from the Clerk of the Commission at [puc.clerk@vermont.gov](mailto:puc.clerk@vermont.gov).

Documents filed with the PUC are available electronically through the PUC’s website at <http://epuc.vermont.gov/>.

### **Project Location**

Vertex intends to construct a telecommunications facility for the use of Verizon and future co-locators, consisting of a 140' tall self-supporting lattice tower ("Tower") and a 50' by 50' fenced compound ("Compound") at 1030 Vermont Route 100 South, Rochester, VT 05767. Verizon refers to the Project as "Rochester." The property owner has given Vertex and Verizon permission to proceed with this Application. The Project consists of three (3) sectors of antennas mounted on the Tower at a centerline height of 135' above ground level ("AGL") and an equipment shed ("Shed") located to the north of the Tower. The coordinates for the Tower are: latitude 43°51'35.39" North and longitude 72°47'53.37" West. See attached Permit Plans for a visual depiction of the Project's location.<sup>1</sup>

### **Project Description**

Verizon will place three (3) sectors of three (3) panel antennas ("Antennas") each on the Tower for a total of nine (9) Antennas. Each of the Antennas will be mounted at a centerline height of 135' above ground level ("AGL"). Six (6) of the Antennas will measure approximately 72" long and 11.9" wide each. The remaining three (3) Antennas will measure approximately 28.90" long and 15.75" wide each. The topmost height of the Antennas will be approximately 138' AGL and as such will not extend above the top of the Tower.

At each sector, Verizon will install two (2) Remote Radio Heads ("RRHs") for a total of six (6) RRHs. Due to their position behind the Antennas, the RRHs should not be visible to most viewers. Three (3) of the RRHs will measure approximately 14.96" long and 14.96" wide; the other three (3) will measure approximately 15" by 15." The topmost points of the RRHs will not exceed the topmost points of the Antennas.

Behind one of the sectors, Verizon will install one (1) OVP distribution box ("OVP"). The topmost point of the Box will not exceed the topmost points of the Antennas. The OVP measures approximately 29.5" long by 16.5" wide.<sup>2</sup>

Verizon will place the 12' by 20' Shed on the ground to the north of the Tower. The exact location of the Shed is depicted on Sheet Z-5 of the Permit Plans. The Shed will have cabinets that will contain the electronics equipment necessary for the operation of the Project.

Verizon will place an emergency generator ("Generator") on a concrete pad adjacent to the Shed. The Generator will function if there is a power outage. Verizon will remotely test the Generator

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that the location of the proposed facility has not changed since the Advance Notice filed June 12, 2024, however, the tower height was reduced to 140' from the previous proposal following discussions with the Town of Rochester.

<sup>2</sup> From time to time, equipment manufacturers may alter their products or Verizon Wireless may purchase from different suppliers. Therefore, there is a possibility that the actual antennas, remote radio heads and/or distribution boxes may be slightly different from but of similar dimensions as those described in this notice.

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once a week at a time to be determined. To fuel the Generator, Verizon will use diesel contained in a fuel tank under the Generator.

Verizon will gain access to the Project by improving and widening an existing dirt path ("Access") that connects to Vermont Route 100 as shown on the Permit Plans. Vertex will run overhead power and telco lines along the Access from Route 100 to an H-Frame ("H-Frame") in the Compound. Verizon will run underground lines to from the H-Frame to the Shed and will run cables over an ice bridge from the Shed to the Tower.

The construction of the Project will result in approximately 75,024 square feet of temporary earth disturbance, 8,883 square feet of permanent earth disturbance and approximately 57,978 square feet of tree clearing.<sup>3</sup>

The Project will provide the needed capacity to allow Verizon subscribers living in, working in or passing through this area to maintain and, in some cases, experience improvement in the level of service to which they have become accustomed.

Please feel free to contact me, either by email or at the address or telephone number below, if you have any questions or comments regarding the proposed Project. We would like to receive comments no later than 30 days from your receipt of this Notice so that they can be considered prior to the application filing.

As a recipient of this notice, you will also be notified when the application is filed, which will be at least 60 days from the date of this letter. You will then have 30 days from receipt of that notification to file comments, a motion to intervene or request for hearing with the Commission. Please review the Amended Order for additional information and procedures.

Very truly yours,



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c: Statutory Parties on attached Service List (w/enclosure)  
Adjoining Landowners on attached Service List (w/enclosure)

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<sup>3</sup> Depending on conditions encountered in the field during construction, the actual amount of clearing and new permanent impervious surface may vary from these estimates. Further, this figure does not take into account existing cleared areas along the Access.

