

**STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Case No. 25-0902-PET

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| Petition of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC requesting a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248a, authorizing the installation of wireless telecommunications equipment at 254 Hardwood Hill Road in Richford, Vermont |  |
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**VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMENTS REGARDING THE  
PETITION OF NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC FOR A  
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD UNDER 30 V.S.A. § 248a**

On May 6, 2025, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T (“AT&T”) filed a petition with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248a requesting a Certificate of Public Good (“CPG”) approving *de minimis* modifications to an existing telecommunications facility (“Facility”) mounted on a rooftop located at 254 Hardwood Hill Road in Richford, Vermont (the “Project”).

The Facility consists of a 139’ above ground level (“AGL”) monopole tower (“Tower”), an equipment shelter, emergency backup generator, and related equipment within fenced a gravel compound. AT&T currently has six (6) panel antennas – each measuring ~ 96” x 20.7” – installed on the Tower at a centerline height of 136’ AGL, with twelve (12) remote radio head units (“RRUs”), and two (2) surge suppressors. The other equipment and appurtenances are housed within the existing AT&T equipment shelter. Based on the present petition, a supporting affidavit, and accompanying exhibits, AT&T proposes the following modifications and additions to the existing Facility:

1. To remove three (3) of the existing RRUs, with a total visible surface area of 4.05 ft<sup>2</sup>, with each RRU measuring 15” x 13”;
2. To install three (3) new antennas, at a centerline height of 138’6” AGL, with each measuring approximately 36.4” x 16.1” for a combined facial surface area of 12.21 ft<sup>2</sup>;

3. To install three (3) new RRUs, behind the antennas, each measuring roughly 20.6" x 15.6" and yielding a total facial surface area of 6.7 ft<sup>2</sup>;
4. And, to install, remove, and/or adjust cabling within existing conduits as necessary for the completion of the Project.

The Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department") has reviewed AT&T's application and concludes that the Project qualifies as a *de minimis* modification under 30 V.S.A. §§ 248a(b)(2) and (k). Excluding equipment, antennas, and ancillary improvements, the Project does not involve increasing the height or width of the existing structure. The Project will not increase the total amount of impervious surface by more than 300 square feet. The Project will not result in any new antennas or equipment on the support structure that will extend more than 10 feet above the structure or more than 10 feet horizontally from the structure. Finally, the net increase in surface area from new equipment on the structure will be less than 75 square feet.

Therefore, the Project (1) qualifies as *de minimis* under §§ 248a(b)(2) and 248a(k); (2) will promote the general good of the state; and (3) furthers state telecommunications policy and planning goals pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 202c(b). The Department is not aware of any unaddressed comments regarding AT&T's application from any municipal legislative bodies, members of the public, or other state agencies.

Based on the foregoing, the Department respectfully recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the Project without further hearings or investigation. Thank you, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025

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