

**STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Case No. 25-0943-PET

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 79 Walnut Street in St. Albans, 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 12, 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 79 Walnut Street in St. Albans, Vermont (the “Project”).

The Facility consists of telecommunications equipment roof mounted on a industrial mill complex (“Tower”) with a maximum height of 138’6” above ground level (“AGL”), an equipment shelter, and related equipment within fenced a gravel compound. AT&T currently has nine (9) panel antennas, with eighteen (18) remote radio head units (“RRUs”), and six (6) surge arrestors installed on the Tower at a centerline height of 81’6” AGL, with various equipment and appurtenances housed within the existing 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 nine (9) of the existing antennas, with three (3) measuring ~ 75.5” x 10.3”, three (3) measuring approximately 72” x 14.8” and three (3) measuring around 72” x 12”, for a combined facial surface area of 56.4 ft²;
2. To remove nine (9) of the existing RRUs, with six (6) measuring around 20.4” x 18.5” and three (3) measuring about 19.7” x 17” for a total visible surface area of 22.71 ft²;

3. To install nine (9) new antennas consisting of five (5) measuring roughly 71.2” x 20.7”, three (3) measuring around 28.2” x 16.1”,¹ and one (1) measuring approximately 72” x 19.6”, all to be mounted at a centerline height of 81’6” AGL and possessing a combined visible surface area of 70.44 ft²;
4. To install six (6) new RRUs, behind the antennas, with three (3) measuring ~ 16.5” x 13.4” and three (3) measuring roughly 17.5” x 15.1” and yielding a total facial surface area of 10.12 ft²;
5. 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.

¹ The Department noted an inconsistency in the count for new antennas with these measurements between that found in both the site plan and declaration, and the count in the structural analysis.

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 11th day of June 2025

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