

May 8, 2025

To: Parties on attached Service List

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

Applicant: Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems, LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Verizon") and
The Towers, LLC d/b/a Vertical Bridge ("VB")

Project: Construction of a Wireless Telecommunications Facility

Location: 2264 U.S. Route 2, Marshfield, VT 05658

Landowners: Bradley Pilette and Lynn Sue Pilette

Dear Statutory Party:

Our firm represents Verizon and VB. You are receiving this notification because Verizon and VB 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 Marshfield, 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.

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

Project Location

VB intends to construct a telecommunications facility at an existing 78.73-acre parcel of land owned by Bradley Pilette and Lynn Sue Pilette at 2264 U.S. Route 2, Marshfield, VT for the use of Verizon and potential future co-locators. Verizon refers to the Project as “Marshfield.” The property owner has given VB and Verizon permission to proceed with this Application. The coordinates for the Project are: Latitude 44°-20'-51.01"± North and Longitude 72°-21'-55.74"± West. See attached Permit Plans for a visual depiction of the Project’s location.

Project Description

VB will create a 50’ x 50’ compound (“Compound”) enclosed by an 8’ high chain link fence, with a locked gate. VB will construct a 140’ above ground level (“AGL”) telecommunications monopole tower (“Tower”) within the Compound.¹

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 137’ 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 28.9” long and 15.75” wide each. The topmost height of the Antennas will be 140’ AGL. Therefore, none of the Antennas will extend above the top of the Tower.

At each sector, Verizon will install two (2) Remote Radio Heads (“RRHs”) behind the Antennas, as depicted on Sheet C-11 of the Permit Plans. All six (6) of the RRHs will measure approximately 14.96” long and 14.96” wide. The topmost points of the RRHs will not exceed the topmost points of the Antennas. At east facing sector, Verizon will install one (1) 12-Port OVP Distribution Box (“OVP”), measuring approximately 29.5” long by 16.5” wide.² The topmost point of the OVP will not exceed the topmost points of the Antennas.

Verizon will place a 12’ x 20’ equipment shed (“Shed”) on the ground to the southeast of the Tower. The exact location of the Shed is depicted on Sheet C-6 of the Permit Plans.

Next to the Shed, Verizon will place an emergency generator (“Generator”). The Generator will function if there is a power outage. Verizon will remotely test the Generator once a week at a time to be determined. To fuel the Generator, Verizon will use either diesel or propane contained in a tank to be located to the north of the Shed.

¹ We note that this is the second advance notice filed for this Project at this location. The first advance notice was filed on September 23, 2024, and there have been no changes in the design of the project. However, the previous advance notice and permit plans contained a scrivener’s error as the permanent earth disturbance and permanent impervious surface resulting from the project. The design has not changed, but this error has been corrected in this notice and the appended permit plans.

² 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.

Verizon will bring underground Utilities to the Shed from the nearest utility pole as shown on Sheet C-6 of the Plans. Utility lines will run from the Shed to the Tower and up to the Antennas using a cable bridge and then proceeding inside the hollow tower.

To provide access (“Access”) to the Compound, VB proposes to upgrade and extend the existing driveway to connect to U.S. Route 2. Approximate clearing limits are shown on the enclosed plans.³ The contractor will limit clearing to the minimum required to construct the Access and Compound, which is estimated to be approximately 4,120 square feet. Culverts, check dams, water bars and slit fencing will be placed along the Access and at the Compound as necessary to control erosion both during and after construction in conformance with the Vermont Low Risk Site Handbook for Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control. The project will result in 2,500 square feet of new permanent earth disturbance.

As part of the design for this Project, Verizon RF engineers evaluated existing telecommunications facilities and existing structures for possible co-location opportunities. No such facilities or structures that would fulfill the objectives for this site exist. VB has designed the Tower and the Compound to support future co-location by additional providers.

The Project will provide the needed capacity to allow Verizon subscribers living in, working in or passing through this portion of Marshfield 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)

³ Clearing limits may need to be adjusted based on conditions encountered during construction.