

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 25-0257-PET

Petition of Rising Tide Towers II, LLC and Wireless Partners FN, LLC requesting a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248a, for the installation of wireless telecommunications equipment at 127 Crow Hill Road in Pownal, Vermont	
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Order entered: 08/14/2025

ORDER RE: MOTIONS AND SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE DETERMINATION

I. INTRODUCTION

This case involves a petition filed by Rising Tide Towers II, LLC and Wireless Partners FN, LLC (“Petitioners”) with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) requesting a certificate of public good (“CPG”), pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248a, for authorization to install wireless telecommunications equipment in Pownal, Vermont (the “Project”). In this Order, I conclude that the most recent revision to the Project proposed by the Petitioners does not constitute a substantial change to the Project.

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On July 21, 2025, the Petitioners filed a motion for leave to amend the petition for the Facility. The motion describes the modifications as a reduction in the height of the monopole tower from 120’ to 93’. The motion also states that the Petitioner will file the revised petition and all accompanying testimony and exhibits following approval of the motion.

On August 8, 2025, the Harts filed comments stating that the motion should not be granted until the Petitioners file the additional information.

On August 8, 2025, the Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) filed a response the motion recommending that the motion be granted and that the petition for a CPG be granted.

III. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The Petitioners are proposing to revise the Project by reducing the Project tower height from 120' to 93' in order to bring the Project into compliance with Pownal zoning regulations. The Petitioners state that they will file revised testimony and exhibits reflecting the revisions once the motion to amend is approved.

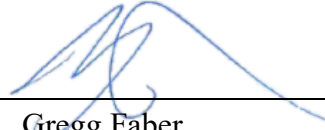
The Harts argue that the motion should not be approved before the revised testimony and exhibits, including photo simulations, are submitted and can be reviewed.

In this most recent revision to the Project, the Petitioners are proposing a 27' reduction in Project tower height. The proposed minor modification does not have the potential for significant impact on the criteria under 30 V.S.A. § 248a. Therefore, I conclude that the modification does not constitute a substantial change to the Project. However, the Harts will have an opportunity to comment on the revised Project after reviewing revised testimony and exhibits reflecting the revision.

The Petitioners shall file a complete set of revised testimony and exhibits, including photo-simulations, describing the revised Project by August 22, 2025. The Petitioners shall also label all previously filed testimony that has been revised as superceded in ePUC. The parties will then have until September 5, 2025, to file comments and requests for hearing on the revised Project.

SO ORDERED.


Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 14th day of August, 2025.



Gregg Faber
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: August 14, 2025

Attest: 
Clerk of the Commission

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