

**9STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Case No. 25-\_\_\_\_-PET

**De Minimis Application** of Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems, )  
LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless, for a Certificate of Public Good, )  
pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248a, authorizing the modification )  
of telecommunications equipment on an existing structure )  
in Georgia, Vermont )

**DE MINIMIS APPLICATION OF BELL ATLANTIC MOBILE SYSTEMS, LLC, d/b/a  
VERIZON WIRELESS, FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD  
PURSUANT TO 30 V.S.A. SECTION 248a**

By this Application, Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems, LLC, d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“applicant” or “Verizon”), represents:

1. The Applicant is a "company" as defined by 30 V.S.A. § 201 and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of the Vermont Public Utility Commission ("Commission") pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 203.

2. The proposed Project involves a “telecommunications facility” as defined by 30 V.S.A. § 248a(b)(4).

3. Verizon proposes to modify an existing wireless telecommunication facility located on an 83.3’ above ground level (“AGL”) silo (“Silo”) located at 4653 Ethan Allen Highway in the Town of Georgia. Verizon refers to the Project as “Georgia 3”. The coordinates of the Project are latitude 44.738991 North and longitude -73.115799 West. The location of the Project is shown on Exhibit KK-2 Permit Plans. The property owner has given Verizon permission to proceed with this application.

4. On October 23, 2017, the Public Utility Commission (“PUC”) approved the Petition of Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems of Allentown, Inc. and Cellco Partnership each d/b/a

Verizon Wireless in Case No. 17-3988-PET authorizing the co-location of Verizon's antennas and ancillary equipment on the existing Silo at the site. This project consists of modifications to the equipment installed within the Steeple pursuant to the Order and CPG.

5. Verizon currently has twelve (12) antennas, six (6) Remote Radio Heads ("RRHS"), and two (2) OVP distribution boxes installed on the Silo.

6. Verizon now proposes to remove three (3) antennas, which each measure 5.99 sq. ft. and six (6) RRHs, three (3) of which each measure 1.81 sq. ft. and three (3) of which each measure 2.15 sq. ft.

7. They will be replaced by three (3) antennas, which each measure 3.16 sq. ft., six (6) RRHs, three (3) of which each measure 1.55 sq. ft. and three (3) of which each measure 2.62 sq. ft., and three (3) NGOVP distribution boxes, which each measure 1.20 sq. ft. See Permit Plans at Sheet A-2. The Antennas will be mounted at the same centerline as the existing equipment, 77' AGL. The topmost height of the new Antennas will extend to 78.2' AGL.

8. The aggregate visible surface area of the existing equipment on the Silo is 87.90 square feet. Following the proposed modification, the aggregate visible facial surface area will be reduced to 83.66 square feet. Full and accurate specifications of the proposed Antennas, RRHs, and OVP are detailed in Exhibit MM-1.

9. TTK Engineering prepared a Structural Certification Letter (See Exhibit KK-3) on behalf of Verizon for this project dated October 20, 2025, which concluded that the Silo and antenna mounts have sufficient capacity to support the proposed modifications.

10. Co-axial cable run from Verizon's equipment in the Shelter up a cable ladder to the equipment on the Silo. Three (3) 3x6 hybrid cables will be added, following the existing routing.

11. Verizon will gain access to the Silo using the existing access.

12. Existing on-site utilities will provide services to the site.

13. No site clearing is necessary and there no new impervious surface area will be created. There will be no changes to: (1) the property boundaries and setbacks, (2) utilities, (3) wetlands, (4) drainage or erosion control, (5) screening, landscaping, ground cover, fencing, exterior lighting and signage, or (6) access to the Silo.

14. The proposed Project involves the modification of wireless telecommunications equipment which was co-located on an existing structure. The height and width of the support structure, excluding equipment, antennas, and ancillary equipment, will not increase. The Project will result no additional impervious surface. The Antennas, equipment, or ancillary improvements on the support structure will not extend, horizontally or vertically, more than ten (10) feet from the Silo. Therefore, the Project will not increase the height or width of the Silo by more than 10 feet. The aggregate visible surface area of the faces of the Antennas will decrease to 83.66 square feet. Therefore, under the definition set out in 30 V.S.A. § 248a(b)(2), the proposed Project qualifies as a "de minimis modification."

15. Verizon has neither applied for, obtained, nor been denied a permit or permit amendments under applicable provisions of Title 24 or chapter 151 of Title 10 for the proposed improvements covered by the current application or substantially similar improvements.

16. As referenced above, the initial installation of telecommunications equipment at the Silo was approved by the PUC in Case No. 17-3988-PET.

17. There are no conditions in the Certificate of Public Good issued in those cases that would impact the proposed improvements.

18. The Project will promote the general good of the State by improving wireless telecommunication infrastructure to increase capacity and support state-of-the-art wireless

services in the community; improving high speed data services for businesses and residents; providing competitive choices for consumers; and providing the opportunity to improve economic development within the State – all in conformance with the substantive criteria under 30 V.S.A. § 248a.

19. Concurrently with the filing of this Application, Verizon has provided a copy of this Application, with accompanying exhibits and testimony, to the Property Owner, the Selectboard and Planning Commission of the Town of Georgia and two (2) copies to the Department of Public Service.

20. In support of this Application, the Applicants submit the Prefiled Testimony and exhibits sponsored by the following witnesses:

| <u>Witness</u>                     | <u>Subject</u>                                                                                        |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Maria Montrose, Senior RF Engineer | Description of the installation and the Project's purpose and impact on the existing Verizon network. |
| Krupakaran Kolandaivelu, P.E.      | Description of proposed Project and existing permits.                                                 |

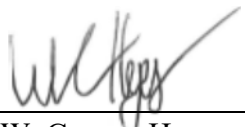
WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission:

1. Find that the Application complies with all applicable notice requirements set out in 30 V.S.A. § 248a(k);
2. Find that the Application meets the requirements set out in 30 V.S.A. § 248a(b)(2), and, therefore, qualifies as a "de minimis modification";
3. Find that the Project will promote the general good of the State of Vermont and authorize Applicant to undertake the actions as described herein and in its exhibits;
4. Issue an Order and Certificate of Public Good; and

5. Take such other measures as may be required for the expeditious review and approval of this Application.

Dated in Burlington, Vermont this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025

Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems, LLC, d/b/a Verizon  
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