

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 25-3028-PET

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| Petition of Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems, LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless requesting a Certificate of Public Good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248a, authorizing the installation of telecommunications equipment at 4653 Ethan Allen Highway in Georgia, Vermont |  |
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**COMMENTS OF VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

On December 8, 2025, Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems, LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Verizon” or “Petitioner”), filed an application with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248a, for approval of additional telecommunications equipment (“Project”) at an existing facility located at 4653 Ethan Allen Highway in Georgia, Vermont (“Facility”). The Facility consists of telecommunications equipment located on an 83.3’ above ground level silo. The property is owned by Boissonneault Family Farms, Inc. Petitioner currently holds a certificate of public good for modifications to the facility from Docket No. 17-3988-PET by order of October 23, 2017.

Based on the application, supporting testimony, and accompanying exhibits, the Petitioner proposes the following changes to the Facility:

1. Removal of three (3) antennas measuring 14.97 total square feet and installation of three (3) antennas with total surface area of 9.48 square feet;
2. Removal of six (6) reverse radio units and installation of six (6) reverse radio units, three (3) contributing 2.62 square feet of visible surface area and three (3) contributing 1.55 square feet of visible surface area;
3. Installation of three (3) NGOVP distribution boxes, contributing 1.20 square feet of visible surface area; and
4. Installation of ancillary improvements and appurtenances consisting of conduits and hardware necessary for the operation of the Project.

The Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) has reviewed the Petitioner’s application and determines that the Project qualifies as *de minimis* under 30 V.S.A. § 248a(b)(2). Excluding equipment, antennas, and ancillary improvements, neither the height nor width of the Facility will be increased. The proposed equipment will not extend vertically or horizontally more than ten feet from the existing Facility. Upon completion of the Project, the net increase in the surface area of the equipment installed on the tower will be less than 75 square feet. There will be no new impervious surfaces at the site.

The Department concludes that the Project (1) qualifies as *de minimis* under Sections 248a(b)(2); (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 has not received comments on Petitioner’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 hearing or investigation.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 7th day of January 2026.

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