

STATE OF VERMONT PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 24-3345-PET

Limited Size and Scope Application
Of Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems, LLC
d/b/a/ Verizon Wireless and Vertex Towers, LLC.
For a Certificate of Public Good,
Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248a, authorizing the
Construction of a telecommunications facility
in Manchester, Vermont

**DECLARATION OF MERRILL BENT in SUPPORT OF THE TOWN OF
MANCHESTER'S OPPOSITION TO PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY
JUDGMENT AND CROSS MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

NOW COMES, Merrill E. Bent, and having been duly sworn states as follows:

1. My name is Merrill E. Bent, and I am an attorney for the Town of Manchester, and I represent the Town in the above-captioned matter.
2. I offer this affidavit in support of the Town's Opposition to Petitioner's Motion for Summary Judgment, and the Town's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment.
3. Exhibit MB-1 is a true and correct copy of the Petitioner's discovery responses as were served on the Town by Verizon's counsel on or about July 31, 2025. It does not appear that the responses were filed with the Commission.
4. Exhibit MB-2 is a true and correct copy of Act 130 of 2016, reflecting the additions and deletions that were signed into law May 25, 2016, effective July 1, 2016.
5. The information in this declaration and the exhibits sponsored herein are accurate to the best of my knowledge.
6. I have personal knowledge and I am able to attest to the validity of the information contained in this Declaration and the exhibits sponsored herein.

I declare that the above statement is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if the above statement is false, I may be subject to sanctions by the Commission pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 30.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 2026.

/s/ Merrill E. Bent
Merrill E. Bent, Esq.