

**STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Case No. 25-2931-PET

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Application of Vertex Towers, LLC and 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 construction of a Telecommunications Facility in Rochester, Vt.	
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**INTERVENOR'S REPLY TO RESPONSE OF PETITIONER TO  
MOTIONS TO INTERVENE**

NOW comes Bruce Jones and replies to Petitioner's response to Jones' Motion to Intervene.

The reason for the balloon launch at the apparent location and height the proposed cell tower would be was to give the public a chance to see where and how the tower would effect them. As I said before in my letter to intervene, I could see the balloon from several rooms in the house and several locations on the property where my wife and I live.

Petitioner's response to my Motion to Intervene was that anything over a mile was not really a visual problem to anyone. I very much disagree with that. If you put a man made structure in a natural setting that is over twice the height of the surrounding trees, is a light color compared to the greens of leaves and needles and gray and browns of bark creates such a contrast you can't miss it at a distance of 2.65 miles which is roughly the distance between where we live and the location of the proposed cell tower.

A Boeing 737 max 9 is 140' long and has very similar color as the proposed tower, travels at an average height of 32,000 feet which over 6 miles high. Several airlines use these planes. One being Air Canada that uses that plane to fly from Montreal to locations south, some

routes take the planes travel a little west of us at the elevation mentioned above with a natural background of a much closer color to the plane and I have no trouble seeing them. Or the smaller commercial airlines that are flying just west of the spine of the Green Mountains to and from Burlington airport, those planes are close to the length that the proposed cell tower would be above the tree tops at its location. Whereas the tower would be visible all day these planes are seen for a minute or less. Please do not tell me what I can't see and can see. Maybe if Vertex took some photos from where we live or better yet put up a drone at the location and height of the proposed cell tower and recorded a 360 degree visual footage we would not have this he said she said conversation.

My wife and I had understood that the location we chose to live was protected by the town plan against telecommunication equipment sitings. Its sounds like the Town of Rochester has hired a lawyer to defend the Town Plan at the expense to the taxpayers, and there is the possibility that the ones that want to intervene on aesthetics and other negative effects will also have hire legal representation at their own cost to protect their properties and particularized interests. That will mean tapping into strained budgets both for the town and for the individual parties that want to intervene. Going up against a large company with large pockets with lawyers on the payroll is going to be a burden that may very well put the town and others that want to intervene at financial risk.

I've seen that they want only one spokesman from the many individuals that want to intervene to be heard at the hearing, which I disagree with because of the above mentioned and as stated in my Motion to Intervene in how it effects us in negative ways. How much time would each one of us take to speak, 10 or 15 minutes each? Whereas if the proposed cell tower is installed it will be intervening on my wife and I every day (that's not foggy or snowing) for the

rest of our days on the property where we live. That ratio of time seems very unfair. That lack of intervene time is exactly what cell tower companies want, shut up, sit down, listen to what we tell you because it's the truth and don't believe your eyes, or what you thinks the facts truly might be and your town plan does not pertain to them.

The beauty and life style we worked for and want to live in, that bring tourists from around the country and world to come and enjoy and are willing to pay for that opportunity, does not matter to these companies; they are here to run rough shod over the environment, the people and systems (not putting 248a to bed is a perfect example) that want to protect it.

Respectfully submitted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026 in Rochester by

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