

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 26-0087-PET

Petition of Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems, LLC)
requesting a certificate of public good, pursuant)
to 30 V.S.A. § 248a, authorizing the installation)
of telecommunications equipment at 60 Cooke)
Road in Brattleboro, Vermont)

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMENTS

On January 15, 2026, Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems, LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Petitioner”) filed an application with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248a for approval of *de minimis* modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located on an existing silo at 60 Cooke Road in Brattleboro, Vermont (the “Project”). The Commission previously granted a Certificate of Public Good for this facility in 19-1592-PET.

The existing silo structure (“Silo”) measures approximately 81.3’ above-ground level (“AGL”). Petitioner currently has four (4) antennas, two (2) remote radio heads (“RRH”) and one (1) OVP distribution box installed on the Silo. Verizon has an equipment shelter at the base of the Silo. Based on the present application, supporting testimony, and accompanying exhibits, Petitioner proposes to make the following changes:

1. Install a total of two (2) antennas, measuring 28.9” x 15.75”, on the Silo at the centerline height of 76.8’ AGL;
2. Install a total of two (2) new RRHs, measuring 2.61 sq. ft., on the Silo behind the antennas;
3. Install one (1) OVP box, measuring 1.20 sq. ft., on the Silo behind the antennas;
4. Install one (1) 3x6 NGOVP hybrid cable following the existing routing up the Silo from Verizon’s equipment shelter at the base of the Silo.

The Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) has reviewed Petitioner’s application and concludes that the Project qualifies as a *de minimis* modification under 30 V.S.A. § 248a(b)(2). Excluding equipment, antennas, and ancillary improvements, the Project does not entail an increase in the height or width of the Silo. The Project will not increase the total amount of impervious surface by more than 300 square feet. The Project will not result in new antennas or other equipment that will extend more than 10 feet vertically or horizontally from the Silo. Finally, the net increase in surface area from any new equipment on the Silo will be less than 75 square feet.

The Project (1) qualifies as *de minimis* under § 248a(b)(2); (2) promotes 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 is not aware of 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 hearings or investigation.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 17th day of February 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

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