

**STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Case No. 26-____-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 facility)
in Swanton, 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 a 70’ above ground level (“AGL”) silo (“Silo”) located at 54 Woods Hill Road in the Town of Swanton. Verizon refers to the Project as “Swanton South SC1 VT”. The coordinates of the Project are latitude 44.896347 North and longitude -73.082878 West. The location of the Project is shown on Exhibit LH-1 Permit Plans. The property owner has given Verizon permission to proceed with this application.

4. On April 24, 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. 17-2673-PET authorizing the installation of Verizon’s equipment on the Silo.

This project consists of modifications to the equipment installed pursuant to the Order and CPG.

5. Verizon currently has two (2) antennas, one (1) remote radio head (“RRH”), and one (1) 6-Port OVP distribution box installed on the Silo.

6. Verizon now proposes to remove two (2) antennas which each measure 6.02 sq. ft. and one (1) RRH which measures 1.80 sq. ft.

7. They will be replaced by three (3) antennas on the Silo, two (2) of which measure 5.92 sq. ft. and one (1) of which measure 3.16 sq. ft. See Permit Plans at Sheets C-2 and C-3. The Antennas will be mounted at the centerline, 62’ AGL. The topmost height of the Antennas will extend to 65’ AGL.

8. Verizon also proposes to install two (2) RRHs, one (1) of which will measure 1.55 sq. ft., and one (1) of which will measure 2.62 sq. ft., and one (1) NGOVP which measures 0.83 square feet.

9. The aggregate visible surface area of the existing equipment installed on the Silo is 15.94 square feet. Following the proposed modification, the aggregate visible facial surface area will be 22.1 square feet. Full and accurate specifications of the proposed Antennas, RRHs, and NGOVP are detailed in Exhibit MM-1.¹

10. All-Points Technology Corporation prepared a Mount and Global Analysis Report (See Exhibit LH-2) on behalf of Verizon for this project dated December 17, 2025, which concluded that the Silo has sufficient capacity to support the proposed modifications.

¹ From time to time, equipment manufacturers may slightly alter their products or Verizon Wireless may purchase from different suppliers. Therefore, there is a possibility that the actual antennas may differ slightly from what is described in the attached specifications.

11. Verizon will add one (1) 3x6 fiber hybrid cable, which will run from Verizon's shelter at the base of the Silo, up the Silo to connect to the existing equipment. Verizon will also add four (4) 1/2" Coaxial Cables and one (1) 1x4 Fiber jumper, between the remote radio heads and the antennas.

12. Verizon will gain access to the Silo using the existing access and parking lot.

13. Existing on-site utilities will provide electrical, propane, and telephone services to the site.

14. No site clearing is necessary and there no new impervious surface area will be created.

15. 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.

16. The proposed Project involves the modification of wireless telecommunications equipment 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, RRHs, and OVP following the modification will increase by 6.16 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."

17. 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.

18. As referenced above, on April 24, 2017 the PUC approved the Petition of Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems of Allentown, Inc. and Cellco Partnership each d/b/a Verizon Wireless in Case No. 17-2673-PET authorizing the installation of Verizon's equipment on the Silo.

19. There are no conditions in the Certificate of Public Good and accompanying Order which would impact the proposed improvements.

20. 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.

21. 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 Swanton and two (2) copies to the Department of Public Service.

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

Witness

Subject

Maria Montrose, Senior RF Engineer

Description of the installation and the Project's purpose and impact on the existing Verizon network.

Louis Hodgetts, P.E.

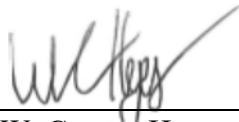
Description of proposed Project and existing permits.

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 24th day of March, 2026

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