

**STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

Petition of VTel Wireless, Inc., pursuant to 30)
V.S.A. § 248a, for a Certificate of Public Good)
to install a telecommunications facility at Bayne)
Comolli Road, Calais, Vermont)

Docket No. _____

**PREFILED TESTIMONY OF
GORDON L. MATHEWS
ON BEHALF OF
PETITIONER**

May 15, 2015

The purpose of the testimony from Mr. Mathews is to introduce the project narrative providing the Board with a description of the proposed wireless communications facility for which VTel is seeking approval under 30 V.S.A. § 248a, and to demonstrate compliance with the criteria under Section 248a and the Board's Procedures Order.

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1 **1. Introduction**

2 Q1. Please state your name, occupation and business address.

3 A1. My name is Gordon L. Mathews. I employed by VTel Wireless, Inc. (“VTel”).

4 My job title at VTel is Site Acquisition Manager, and my business address is 354
5 River Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156.

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7 Q2. Please describe your education, job description and professional experience.

8 A2. My resume is attached as Exhibit VTel 6A. At VTel, I am responsible for
9 coordinating with radiofrequency design engineers, site acquisition agents, and
10 legal counsel, all in order to negotiate with landowners and secure necessary
11 permissions and rights for new facilities. I also work to ensure that network
12 design meets coverage objectives, and I assist VTel’s construction crew and
13 purchasing agents with construction while monitoring compliance with all
14 applicable regulatory and permitting requirements.

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1 **2. Project Narrative and Exhibits**

2 Q3. What is the purpose of your testimony?

3 A3. The purpose of my testimony is to introduce a Project Narrative and several
4 accompanying exhibits to provide the Board with a description of the proposed
5 wireless telecommunications facility that is the subject of the Petition (the
6 “Facility”). The Project Narrative, provided as Exhibit VTel 6B-1, and
7 accompanying exhibits contain the specific information and supporting
8 documents required by the “Amended Order implementing standards and
9 procedures for issuance of a certificate of public good for communications
10 facilities pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248a” dated August 10, 2011 (the “Procedures
11 Order”).

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13 In the Project Narrative, I discuss the general coverage objectives associated with
14 the proposed Facility, and demonstrate that it is consistent with the public good as
15 set forth in Section 202c(b) of Title 30. I also demonstrate compliance with the
16 248a criteria, as further defined by the Procedures Order, including the reasons
17 that the Facility (1) will not have an undue adverse effect on aesthetics, historic
18 sites, air and water purity, the natural environment, the public health and safety
19 and the public’s use and enjoyment of the I-89 and I-91 scenic corridors or of any
20 highway that has been designated as a scenic road; (2) satisfies the requirement to
21 exhaust reasonable co-location opportunities on existing telecommunications
22 facilities; and (3) is consistent with the conditions in any relevant state and local

1 permits. Finally, we discuss consistency of the project with the Town and
2 Regional Plans and other land conservation measures, as well as the
3 communications with the municipal and regional planning commissions during
4 and after the 45-day notice period.

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6 Q4. Will the proposed Facility satisfy the objectives and criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248a?

7 A4. Yes, the Facility will satisfy the objectives and the criteria of the statute for the
8 reasons set forth in the Project Narrative, as well as the prefiled testimony of
9 radiofrequency engineer Ronnie B. Jemmott. It will introduce VTel wireless
10 service coverage in portions of Calais and Woodbury in a manner that is
11 consistent with the municipal and regional plans in order to make available
12 reliable wireless broadband service to approximately 1,170 homes and businesses
13 in the area. Utilizing wireless technology called “LTE,” or Long Term Evolution,
14 the Facility is designed to bring broadband service to more users in Washington
15 County.

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17 **3. Conclusion**

18 Q5. Does this conclude your testimony?

19 A5. Yes, it does.