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***Full Environmental Assessment Form***  
***Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts***  
***and***  
***Determination of Significance***

Part 3 provides the reasons in support of the determination of significance. The lead agency must complete Part 3 for every question in Part 2 where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Based on the analysis in Part 3, the lead agency must decide whether to require an environmental impact statement to further assess the proposed action or whether available information is sufficient for the lead agency to conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. By completing the certification on the next page, the lead agency can complete its determination of significance.

**Reasons Supporting This Determination:**

To complete this section:

- Identify the impact based on the Part 2 responses and describe its magnitude. Magnitude considers factors such as severity, size or extent of an impact.
- Assess the importance of the impact. Importance relates to the geographic scope, duration, probability of the impact occurring, number of people affected by the impact and any additional environmental consequences if the impact were to occur.
- The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.
- Repeat this process for each Part 2 question where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.
- Provide the reason(s) why the impact may, or will not, result in a significant adverse environmental impact
- For Conditional Negative Declarations identify the specific condition(s) imposed that will modify the proposed action so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result.
- Attach additional sheets, as needed.

**Determination of Significance - Type 1 and Unlisted Actions**

SEQR Status:             Type 1                       Unlisted

Identify portions of EAF completed for this Project:    Part 1             Part 2             Part 3

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus this additional support information

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the \_\_\_\_\_ as lead agency that:

A. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.

B. Although this project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, that impact will be avoided or substantially mitigated because of the following conditions which will be required by the lead agency:

There will, therefore, be no significant adverse impacts from the project as conditioned, and, therefore, this conditioned negative declaration is issued. A conditioned negative declaration may be used only for UNLISTED actions (see 6 NYCRR 617.7(d)).

C. This Project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts on the environment, and an environmental impact statement must be prepared to further assess the impact(s) and possible mitigation and to explore alternatives to avoid or reduce those impacts. Accordingly, this positive declaration is issued.

Name of Action:

Name of Lead Agency:

Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:

Title of Responsible Officer:

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:

*Barbara Rice*

Date:

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

*Craig Michaels*

Date:

**For Further Information:**

Contact Person:

Address:

Telephone Number:

E-mail:

**For Type 1 Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this Notice is sent to:**

Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located (e.g., Town / City / Village of)

Other involved agencies (if any)

Applicant (if any)

Environmental Notice Bulletin: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html>



New York State  
Adirondack  
Park Agency

KATHY HOCHUL  
Governor

BARBARA RICE  
Executive Director

### **Reasons Supporting this Determination for a Negative Declaration of Significant Adverse Environmental Impact (Expanded Narrative):**

There may be moderate, short- to long-term adverse impacts associated with the issuance of this general permit/order. These may include impacts to aesthetic resources such as: visibility from an officially designated state or local scenic or aesthetic resource; visibility from publicly accessible vantage points, both seasonally and year-round; visibility during routine travel by residents, including travel to and from work; and visibility during recreation or tourism based activities.

There are several mitigating factors that will serve to minimize or avoid the potential moderate aesthetic impacts referenced above.

1. This General Permit will apply only to certain modifications of existing wireless towers or base stations that do not substantially change the physical dimensions of such tower or base station and involve co-location, removal, or replacement of transmission equipment (eligible facilities requests). Pursuant to federal law, state agencies such as the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) may not deny and shall approve eligible facilities requests.
2. Proposed modifications will comply with all the requirements of an Eligible Facilities Request as defined under Section 6409 of the Spectrum Act of 2012 and clarified in Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations at 47 CFR 1.6100 and in various FCC rulings and orders. As outlined in APA's General Permit Application, these federal requirements place restrictions on applicable modifications with respect to height; dimension of appurtenances; number and location of equipment cabinets; excavation or deployment outside of the existing site boundary; concealment elements; and conditions associated with citing approval.
3. Any modification that defeats a concealment element, as defined by Section 6409 of the Spectrum Act of 2012 and clarified in Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations at 47 CFR 1.6100 and in various FCC rulings and orders, is considered a substantial change to existing facilities and cannot be covered by the General Permit. A concealment element means an element that is part of a stealth-designed facility intended to make a structure look like something else other than a wireless facility, and that was part of a prior approval. To defeat a concealment element, a proposed modification must cause a reasonable person to view a structure's intended stealth design as no longer effective after the modification.
4. To the extent not preempted by federal law, the APA will impose additional conditions designed to avoid any remaining potentially significant adverse environmental impacts. This conditions will be spelled out in the Certificate issued to applicants and will include the following: 1) The Certificate will be binding on applicants, all present and future owners of

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the project site, and all contractors undertaking all or a portion of the project; 2) Any change to the location, dimensions, or other aspect of the modification will require prior written Agency authorization; 3) The coloring and finishing of any authorized antennas or related infrastructure shall match and blend in with the existing antennas and infrastructure; 4) Installation of any lighting on the existing tower or base station shall require prior written Agency authorization; 5) Any other exterior lights within the equipment compound shall employ full cut-off fixtures that are fully shielded to direct light downward and not in the sky; 6) In order to prevent spread of invasive species, when brought from off-site, all equipment, including but not limited to trucks, excavators, tractors, etc., and hand excavation tools such as shovels, rakes, and picks, to be used on the project site shall be clean and free of soil, mud, or other similar material. If washed on the project site, equipment shall be washed in one location to prevent the distribution of propagules among different wash sites; 7) Any authorized antennas shall be removed from the project site within one year of discontinuance of use for telecommunications purposes; 8) Cutting of trees and other vegetation will be restricted appropriately; and 9) Any measures required to protect sensitive plant and animal habitat.

Based on the information and requirements set forth above, in Parts 1 and 2 of this Full Environmental Assessment Form, and in the General Permit and Certificate, the Agency finds that there will not be any significant adverse environmental impact as the result of the issuance of this General Permit.