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By Email

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Department of Public Utilities  
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Shonda D. Green, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Cable  
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***Re: D.P.U. 25-10/D.T.C. 25-1 - Joint Notice of Inquiry by the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications and Cable on their own Motion to explore utility pole attachment, conduit access, double pole, and related considerations applicable to utility work conducted on public rights-of-way in the Commonwealth***

Dear Secretaries Marini and Green:

Enclosed please find Verizon New England Inc.'s Supplemental Responses to the Departments' January 17, 2025 Notice of Inquiry and Request for Comments and April 10, 2025 Memo on Tech Sessions and Additional Comment Dates.

Respectfully submitted,

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE

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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSES OF VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.**

Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts (“Verizon MA”) provides the following supplemental responses to the Departments’ January 17, 2025 Joint Notice of Inquiry and Request for Comments and April 10, 2025 Memo on Tech Sessions and Additional Comment Dates.

**By the Numbers<sup>1</sup>**

Identify as of December 31, 2024:

- 1. By statewide total and by individual city and town, the number of single and jointly owned poles that your company owns.**

**Initial Response:**

Verizon MA is currently reviewing and reconciling the database that will be used to generate the requested information. This project should be nearly complete by April 15, 2025. Verizon MA will supplement this response shortly after that time.

**Supplemental Response:**

The requested information is provided in Verizon MA Attachment 19. As noted in Verizon MA’s initial response, Verizon MA has been reviewing and reconciling the

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<sup>1</sup> Verizon MA has numbered the Departments’ requests for ease of reference.

database that was used to generate the requested information. This project has not yet been completed, and it is possible that the pole counts provided in Verizon MA Attachment 19 may be reduced due to the elimination of duplicate records, perhaps by as much as ten percent.

**4. By statewide total and by individual city and town, the average height of single and jointly owned poles that your company owns.**

Initial Response:

Verizon MA is currently reviewing and reconciling the database that will be used to generate the requested information. This project should be nearly complete by April 15, 2025. Verizon MA will supplement this response shortly after that time.

Supplemental Response:

The requested information is provided in Verizon MA Attachment 20. As noted in Verizon MA's initial response, Verizon MA has been reviewing and reconciling the database that was used to generate the requested information. This project has not yet been completed, and it is possible that the average pole heights provided in Verizon MA Attachment 20 may be affected due to the elimination of duplicate records.

**5. By statewide total and by individual city and town, the total number of attachments on your company's Massachusetts poles by attachment type, i.e., telecommunication, cable television, wireless, pole-mounted EV attachments, etc.**

Initial Response:

Verizon MA is currently reviewing and reconciling the database that will be used to generate the requested information. This project should be nearly complete by April 15, 2025. Verizon MA will supplement this response shortly after that time.

Supplemental Response:

The total number of attachments by statewide total and by individual city and town, based on Verizon MA's electronic records, is provided in Verizon MA Attachment 21. Please note that the information provided in Verizon MA Attachment 21 does not include information in Verizon MA's paper records because Verizon MA cannot retrieve that information without extensive manual research. Likewise, Verizon MA's response does not provide a breakdown by attachment type because retrieving that information would require manual review of every pole attachment application.

## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

Verizon MA Attachment 19	Pole Count Data
Verizon MA Attachment 20	Pole Height Data
Verizon MA Attachment 21	Pole Attachment Data