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Re: RCW §43.21C.0384- REPORTING REQUIREMENT

Dear Honorable Legislators:

As the beginning of the new year approaches, I am writing on behalf of Verizon Wireless to furnish information requested by the Legislature in 2013, to be delivered by January 1, 2020. In 2013, the Washington Legislature passed RCW § 43.21C.0384, which imposes a reporting requirement on wireless service providers to produce specific statistical information involving RCW §43.21C.030(2)(c), an exemption for certain wireless facilities from the State Environmental Protection Act ("SEPA"). These exempt facilities have a smaller impact on the

surrounding environment than the taller macro towers often deployed and the SEPA review process added unnecessary cost and delay in the permitting process. The SEPA exemption was a welcome tool to reduce permitting time and cost, and to allow more rapid deployment of much needed wireless facilities.

The following reporting was required with the passage of the SEPA exemption:

RCW § 43.21C.0384

(4) By January 1, 2020, all wireless service providers granted an exemption to RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c) must provide the legislature with the number of permits issued pertaining to wireless service facilities, the number of exemptions granted under this section, and the total dollar investment in wireless service facilities between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2019.

Verizon Wireless hereby submits the following responsive information:

Total number of permits issued pertaining to wireless service facilities between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 279 macro facilities● 367 small wireless facilities● 3393 modifications to existing wireless facilities
The number of exemptions granted under this section between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 125 macro facilities under 60 feet tall● 367 small wireless facilities that did not substantially change the physical dimensions of their support structures● 3393 removals of equipment, or replacement of existing equipment on existing or replacement structures that did not substantially change the physical dimensions of such structures
The total dollar investment in wireless service by Verizon between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2019.	\$1,113,917,929.00

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As you can see from the data, Verizon has made a significant investment in its wireless network in the state of Washington and has made full use of the SEPA exemptions to facilitate a rapid expansion of the Verizon network. More people are using more wireless devices to do more things than ever before, like streaming video, medical monitoring, education interface, transit and traffic access and uploading images. In fact, wireless data usage has increased dramatically since the introduction of the iPhone. With the increasing need for the addition of small wireless facilities and new smaller towers as a major source of the network expansion to come,¹ the SEPA exemption will continue to be a much needed tool in the toolbox to provide the level of service that the residents, businesses and visitors have come to expect in the state of Washington.

Verizon appreciates the opportunity to provide you with this requested data. Please do not hesitate to inquire if you have questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Allen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kim Allen, Senior Vice President
Wireless Policy Group, LLC on behalf of Verizon Wireless

¹ While deployment of many small wireless facilities in Washington is critical to adding network capacity and setting the stage for 5G, expanding the tower network is also needed, as those facilities provide the backbone of the Verizon network and are backed up with generators and batteries so the network can continue to function in the event of disaster, emergency or power failure.