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PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT KICKS OFF 30 V.S.A. § 248a INPUT STUDY

The Public Service Department Announces Project Kickoff to gain input on Telecommunications Facility Siting Process in Vermont

The purpose of Vermont VSA [30 248a](#) is to establish a framework for the process of siting telecommunications facilities in Vermont. The goal is to ensure that the siting process is conducted in a manner that is transparent, fair, and responsive to the needs of the community while also considering the development and expansion of telecommunications infrastructure in the state.

The Public Service Department in collaboration with the Public Utility Commission is pleased to announce the start of a study to seek input on the siting process for telecommunications facilities in Vermont. The Public Service Department will present the report to the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Environment and Energy regarding the process of siting telecommunications facilities under 30 V.S.A. § 248a.

As telecommunications technology advances and cell phone use becomes more common in everyday life, it has become increasingly important to address the issue of engagement around siting new telecommunications facilities. The focus of this report will be on ways to facilitate public and municipal engagement in the siting process.

The Department will seek input via multiple means and from various stakeholders, including the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, utilities, and any other interested parties. Public input sessions will be held to ensure those impacted by technological barriers are able to have their voices heard. This approach will help ensure all viewpoints are heard and will shape the report's recommendations on ways to make the process more accessible.

The Department recognizes the importance of the participation of the public and municipalities that are impacted by the siting process. In seeking input on making the process more accessible and efficient, the aim is to strike a balance between technological advancements and community concerns.

This report is one step toward enhancing the telecommunications landscape in Vermont. The Department aims to pave the way for improved connectivity and increased public engagement. The findings and recommendations from this report are expected to shape future discussions and potential updates to legislation.

For more information or to sign up for the mailing list please visit our webpage [Your Voice Matters: Input for Vermont's 248a Process](https://publicservice.vermont.gov/telecommunications-and-connectivity/your-voice-matters-input-vermonts-248a-process.s) at <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/telecommunications-and-connectivity/your-voice-matters-input-vermonts-248a-process.s>