

Dear Senators and Representatives:

By this email, I would like to update you on an issue affecting cell coverage in your districts. Vanu CoverageCo Inc. is a company that provides small cell wireless communications in several communities throughout Vermont. On March 13, 2018, company officials notified the Department of Public Service that CoverageCo would likely cease operations in Vermont due to financial difficulties. CoverageCo was under contract with the State of Vermont to deploy small cell antennas along specific travel corridors. CoverageCo provides limited, wholesale coverage to Verizon Wireless, Sprint PCS, T-Mobile, and U.S. Cellular. Retail users of these services in CoverageCo's coverage areas may experience a loss in service. Facilities owned and maintained by these retail providers and other providers will not be affected. The Department is exploring its options, but in the short-term, service from CoverageCo will likely cease. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Your constituents can do the same, and they can also reach the Department through the Consumer Affairs and Public Information portal at <https://capi.epsd.vermont.gov/?q=node/51> or by calling the consumer affairs hotline at 800-622-4496 (TTY: 800-734-8390).

The towns currently served by Vanu CoverageCo installations today are as follows: Canaan, Norton, Brighton, Wolcott, Groton, Ryegate, Topsham, Washington, Roxbury, Granville, Ripton, Middlebury, Hancock, Chelsea, Vershire, Fairlee, Strafford, Thetford, Wilmington, Whitingham, Halifax, Readsboro, Woodstock, Townsend, Newfane, and Jaimaca.

Thank you,



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