



September 25, 2024

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Planning Director
Malheur County Planning Department
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Ms. Parker,

On March 30, 2023, Malheur County approved an Application (File No.2022-01-012) filed by Maverick Towers, LLC for a wireless communication facility located at 6142 John Day Highway, Ironside, OR 97908. The permit was subsequently extended on March 12, 2024.

Maverick Towers is co-developing this site with TowerCo. TowerCo is a Nationally approved vendor and has master lease agreements (MLAs) in place with all the major carriers (T-Mobile, Verizon, AT&T and Dish/Boost Mobile). TowerCo is a long-time developer of wireless towers in the area and is familiar with Malheur County's limitation on approving competing towers, and its encouragement for collocation on existing towers. Maverick and TowerCo are ready to build the 199' tower upon word from one of the carriers who are granted funding to build. Verizon, T-Mobile and AT&T have expressed interest in the tower, and it is our intent to build said tower in accordance with the permit approved by the Planning Director at the 6142 John Day Highway location in Malheur County. It will be constructed for multiple carriers.

The tower has yet to be constructed because of budgetary priorities held by T-Mobile. In fact, on September 24, 2024, TowerCo had a conversation with Senior Regional T-Mobile employees, and they confirmed that the budget for this particular site has been put on hold for an indeterminate period of time. It is well known in the industry that project construction dates are regularly accelerated or delayed, dependent upon the funding available to the carriers.

On September 26, 2024, the Malheur County Planning Commission is set to decide upon a Zoning Application filed by Vertical Bridge (represented by Rage Development) for the construction of a nearly identical tower across the street from the Maverick Towers' location. The proposed tower has the same radio frequency coverage objective and will be in direct competition with Maverick's approved tower. As stated above, when one of

the carriers is ready to go, Maverick and TowerCo have a zoning approved tower solution for the coverage objective. Simply put, there is no need for two towers at this location.

In light of the valid permit held by Maverick Towers, and with regard to Malheur County's encouragement for collocation, we hereby request that Vertical Bridge's application be denied. Or at the very least, tabled until this matter can be resolved.

Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 208-995-4094.

Sincerely,

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