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**Subject:** Re: Energy/Telecommunications Meeting Agenda (via Zoom Remote Conferencing) for November 9, 2023

Good Morning, Melanie and Lisa

I am attaching my statement as an intervenor as it relates to cell phone coverage. You already have my original letter from August 2023.

I will put 8 copies in the overnight mail for you.

Please let me know if there is anything else I should be doing.

You have linked Dino Travisani from Marchant Farm together with New Pond Farm Education Center as business intervenors. I have asked Dino to take the lead when it comes to the hearing because his comments are more in-line with those of the residential intervenors, but I am grateful to have New Pond Farm Education Center's points of view taken into consideration as well. We would **much prefer** not to have a cell tower positioned adjacent to the border of our beautiful wildlife sanctuary--however, if it does indeed get passed, we are very concerned about the safety of the "compound" (in view of the children from both New Pond and Hoyt) and the plantings that will help to disguise it--and we want to be sure that as few trees as possible are removed for this project.

Thanks very much.

With regards,

Ann

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Re: MCM Holdings, LLC  
Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Tower Facility  
288 Simpaug Turnpike (Parcel 12-29), Redding, Connecticut  
Docket 517

Intervenor Ann Taylor, New Pond Farm Education Center Testimony:

Hello, Melanie

I am the Executive Director of New Pond Farm Education Center and I live right on the Center's property at 101 Marchant Road. As the Executive Director, for safety's sake, I always want to make sure that our staff members' cell phones and those of our members work from all corners of our 102-acre property. Through the years, I have not been made aware of any problems and I personally have made calls from all corners of our woodlands and wetlands. The majority of our staff members use Verizon while others use AT&T and none of us have found any disruption of coverage.

Sometimes, but not always, my calls fade out for a minute on a portion of RT 53 near Sidecut Road-but knowing this, I simply time my calls—it is not an issue for me.

Thanks for your consideration.

With regards,

Ann Taylor