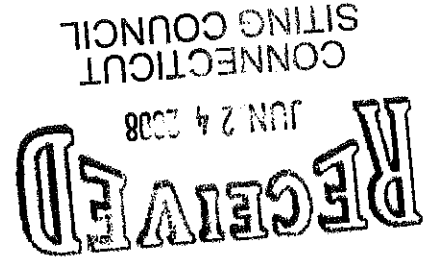


Testimony – Dina K. Jaeger, Intervenor, Docket 360
July 1, 2008

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1. I reside at 167 Beebe Hill Road in Falls Village, Canaan, Connecticut where I have lived for many years. My home is located on the hill just above the proposed tower site. I believe it is in direct line with signals from the transmission antenna.
 2. I am electro-sensitive, my immune system is compromised by late stage Lyme disease.
 3. My two minor children (one of whom has ADD, a neurological disability) reside with me part of the year at this same address. One of their bedrooms directly faces the proposed tower.
 4. I am co-owner of property located directly across Route 7 from the proposed tower location. The use and value of this property will be directly affected by the placement of the tower.
 5. As intervenor, I have pre-filed a number of documents and scientific studies which demonstrate the importance of the natural resources that will be directly impacted by the operation of the cell tower, including:
 - a. habitats for birds and wildlife;
 - b) propagation and fertility of migratory birds and other wildlife;
 - c) the presence of rare, listed and endangered plants, insects, butterflies and other species protected under State, Federal and international law.
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1. My personal religious beliefs and practice are directly tied to the protection and preservation of nature and all living species. Causing them harm will violate my religious beliefs, practices and rights.
 2. To the best of my knowledge and belief, there has never been a public hearing or public meeting by the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department (FVVFD) to discuss issues, questions or objections relating to the placement or operation of the Verizon cell tower at the proposed location.
 3. To the best of my knowledge and belief, there has never been a public hearing or public meeting by the Town of Canaan to discuss issues, questions or objections relating to the placement or operation of the Verizon cell tower at the proposed location.

4. I object to the secrecy surrounding Verizon's proposed financial and other incentives for the FVVFD. This secrecy suggests that Verizon may have created a financial conflict of interest for the FVVFD to put its own pecuniary interests ahead of its obligation to make full disclosure of factors affecting the safety and welfare of the community. It is improper in a public proceeding for Verizon to black out the terms of the Verizon agreement in the copy filed with the Connecticut Siting Council and for Verizon to hide any terms from public view in dealings with a public organization that has a public trust. It would be improper for the FVVFD, as a community organization supported by taxpayer funds and private contributions, to enter into an agreement with a for-profit corporation for secret financial and other benefits in exchange for avoiding full public discussion and consideration and disclosure of harmful environmental impact and potential hazards from the proposed tower. A secret agreement to accept undisclosed financial benefits and other incentives would be a breach of the FVVFD's fiduciary duty to the public.
5. This same standard applies to any approval by the Town of Canaan to allow the concealment of terms of the tower agreement from the public. The Connecticut Siting Council should not consider Verizon's application until the full terms of its agreement are disclosed on the record.
6. Verizon has not demonstrated a public need for an additional cell facility at this location. As the Council is well aware, only recently Sprint-Nextel withdrew its application under Petition 701 for erection of a wireless transmitter antenna just a short distance from this site on the express ground that there is no need for additional coverage.
7. The Federal Communications Commission has not set safety standards for the non-thermal biological effects of ELF emissions from cell towers such as the one proposed by Verizon. Until the FCC updates its safety standards in keeping with current science, it is the duty of state and local agencies to apply a precautionary principle to avoid unknown potential risks to humans and other living creatures, especially children. The lessons from our experiences with pesticides and tobacco serve as a warning to all responsible public officials to take every reasonable step to protect unforeseen and unwarranted risks.
8. The application under Docket 360 is misleading in its assertion that the Verizon tower meets all safety standards.
9. The scientific exhibits that I pre-filed with the Council and that I offer in support of my testimony show that, in addition to other hazards and adverse impacts, DNA is damaged by the emissions from towers like the one proposed under Docket 360. DNA is the building block of all living cells – human and wildlife

alike.

10. In the absence of updated safety standards for exposure to non-thermal biological effects of ELF emissions, and in the failure of the proposed tower to meet such standards, in the failure of the Town of Canaan and the FVVFD to disclose and discuss these effects, the tower application should be denied.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dina K. Jaeger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "D".

Dina K. Jaeger
Intervenor

July 1, 2008

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