

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL

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IN RE:
APPLICATION OF NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS
PCS, LLC (AT&T) FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND
PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION,
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER FACILITY
AT ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH AT
224 LOVELY STREET IN THE TOWN OF AVON

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF THOMAS MCMAHON
FOR THE MARCH 31, 2009 SITING COUNCIL HEARING

I would like to take this time to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to voice my concerns about the proposed AT&T telecommunications tower located on the property of ST. Matthew Lutheran Church at 224 Lovely Street Avon, CT. At this time I would like to begin my remarks by stating that I speak for myself and my wife Patricia McMahon.

The ST Matthew Lutheran Church rectory is directly across the street from our house. The proposed 100 foot monopole and obscene looking 50 foot x 50 foot compound is right off the corner of our front yard. It will not only presently devalue our property, but it will potentially prevent the future sale as well if this tower is constructed as is currently proposed.

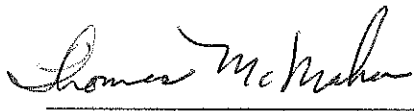
Although AT&T has downplayed the emission affects of the site, ongoing research has shown there are problems that arise from these towers. These issues are

especially prone with growing children and the elderly. Copies of the documents were given to the Town of Avon. These concerns about the emissions were debated by many surrounding residents at the Town meetings once this project became public.

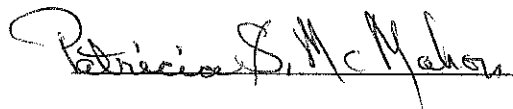
Enclosed you will find warnings given in the AT&T "Go Phone" instructions. (Please see exhibit A for this information). These warnings mention issues regarding pacemakers and keeping your cell phone a certain distance away when turned on. However, due to lack of insufficient data and long term reports these concerns seem to be of no interest to AT&T. Since cell towers give off many more radiations than individual phones, they should NOT be placed near community gathering places such as churches and schools. There is a school located within a half mile from the proposed site.

I would like to thank the CT Siting Council for your time in reading my testimony and allowing me the opportunity to voice my concerns. At this time I will be open to any questions you may have.

Regards,

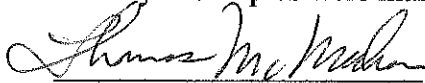


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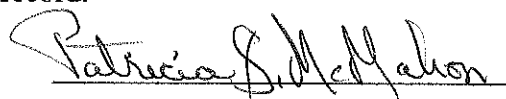


Patricia McMahon

I certify that copies were mailed to all parties of record.



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Exhibit A

When using any data feature of the mobile device, with or without an accessory cable, position the mobile device and its antenna at least 2.5 centimeters (1 inch) from your body.

Using accessories not supplied or approved by Motorola may cause your mobile device to exceed RF energy exposure guidelines. For a list of Motorola-supplied or approved accessories, visit our Web site at: www.motorola.com.

RF Energy Interference/Compatibility

Nearly every electronic device is subject to RF energy interference from external sources if inadequately shielded, designed, or otherwise configured for RF energy compatibility. In some circumstances your mobile device may cause interference with other devices.

Follow Instructions to Avoid Interference Problems

Turn off your mobile device in any location where posted notices instruct you to do so. These locations include hospitals or health care facilities that may be using equipment that is sensitive to external RF energy.

In an aircraft, turn off your mobile device whenever instructed to do so by airline staff. If your mobile device offers an airplane mode or similar feature, consult airline staff about using it in flight.

Pacemakers

If you have a pacemaker, consult your physician before using this device.

Persons with pacemakers should observe the following precautions:

- ALWAYS keep the mobile device more than 20 centimeters (8 inches) from your pacemaker when the mobile device is turned ON.
- DO NOT carry the mobile device in the breast pocket.
- Use the ear opposite the pacemaker to minimize the potential for interference.
- Turn OFF the mobile device immediately if you have any reason to suspect that interference is taking place.

Hearing Aids

Some mobile devices may interfere with some hearing aids. In the event of such interference, you may want to consult your hearing aid manufacturer or physician to discuss alternatives.

Other Medical Devices

If you use any other personal medical device, consult your physician or the manufacturer of your device to determine if it is adequately shielded from RF energy.

Driving Precautions

Check the laws and regulations on the use of mobile devices in the area where you drive. Always obey them.

When using your mobile device while driving, please:

- Give full attention to driving and to the road. Using a mobile device may be distracting. Discontinue a call if you can't concentrate on driving.
- Use handsfree operation, if available.
- Pull off the road and park before making or answering a call if driving conditions so require.

Responsible driving practices can be found in the "Smart Practices While Driving" section at the end of this guide and/or at the Motorola Web site: www.motorola.com/callsmart.

Operational Warnings

They all posted signs when using mobile devices in public areas, such as health care facilities or blasting areas.

Automobile Air Bags

Do not place a mobile device in the air bag deployment area.

Potentially Explosive Atmospheres

Areas with potentially explosive atmospheres are often but not always posted, and can include fueling areas such as below decks

on boats, fuel or chemical transfer or storage facilities, or areas where the air contains chemicals or particles, such as grain, dust or metal powders.

When you are in such an area, turn off your mobile device, and do not remove, install, or charge batteries. In such areas, sparks can occur and cause an explosion or fire.

Damaged Products

If your mobile device or battery has been submerged in water, punctured, or subjected to a severe fall, do not use it until you take it to a Motorola Authorized Service Center. Do not attempt to dry it with an external heat source, such as a microwave oven.

Batteries and Chargers

If jewelry, keys, beaded chains, or other conductive materials touch exposed battery terminals, this could complete an electrical circuit (short circuit), become very hot, and could cause damage or injury. Be careful when handling a charged battery, particularly when placing it inside a pocket, purse, or other container with metal objects. **Use only Motorola Original batteries and chargers.**

Caution: To avoid risk of personal injury, do not dispose of your battery in a fire.

