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**Re: Docket No. 373 – St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 224 Lovely Street, Avon  
Motion for a Protective Order to Not Disclose Monthly Rent**

Dear Mr. Phelps:

This is my first and last comment regarding the debate over the proposed AT&T Cell Tower to be located on St. Matthew Lutheran Church property directly across the street from my home of 33 years at 15 Greenwood Drive.

I have received at least 25 pounds of paper at my home regarding this cell tower. In opinion, it does not belong in a residential neighborhood area with small children.

The question is why all the secrecy between AT&T and the church? These negotiations have been ongoing since 2007. However, the families and property owners on Greenwood Drive were not notified of any proposed construction of a cell tower until the last week of December 2008.

All of this points to the big dollars the church would receive. A good number of their parishioners do not live in Avon, and these are the people that started the murmuring regarding cell phones. I have nothing against cell phones. I own a cell phone for emergency use. But how many of these people would be willing to have this tower installed in their front or back yards? I would guess none!

This involves a church which, according to the dictionary means "a building for Christian worship," however, a better description from what can be observed on a daily basis is a mini-country club. Since the church completed its renovations and remodeling it has been used for exercise groups, Weight Watchers meetings and various other activities each week.

I will end my comments with an appropriate scripture found at 1 Timothy 6:9,10: "Those who are determined to be rich fall into temptation and a snare and many senseless and hurtful desires, which plunge men into destruction and ruin. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of injurious things, and by reaching out for this love some have been led astray from the faith and have stabbed themselves all over with many pains."

As a person in my 80's with multiple health issues, I do not appreciate the stress all of this has caused. I thank you for your patience and consideration. I realize this is not what you were looking for, but it is a relief to get this off my mind.

Sincerely,

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