

James Feenan - Fwd: Public Comment U_2019-0011 (Nixon)

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Hi Jim

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Please post to public comments for U 2019-0011.

Thanks,

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Comments on Willits Tower Proposal

This proposed tower, as much as people are excited about speedy WiFi downloads and streaming, is a bad idea, with consequences for people, animals, insects, and nature that are not being considered.

My bet is that no Environmental Impact Report has been done. Nor has any research on the effect of electromagnetic radiation been referred to in this quest by AT&T for ever more antennas.

My question is, why is this being pushed through so quickly? And why does AT&T not meet with the community to find a place to locate a tower where fewer people are negatively affected?

Mendocino County has adopted the Precautionary Principle, which urges that WiFi towers not be near schools or any homes where children live. Has that Principle been taken into account? My understanding is that AT&T already has 20 existing sites and 14 more planned sites in Mendocino County. Why couldn't AT&T be asked to evaluate the cumulative effect of all these towers and then inform the public? And why is the proposal for each communication facility looked at separately with no consideration for the cumulative effect of all of them?

This proposed tower is one of the 18 federal grant-funded Connect America Fund towers that AT&T wants to install in Mendocino County. They will emit Radio Frequency radiation 24/7 365 days a year. In addition, each house will have an antenna attached that will be close to, or right on top of, children's bedrooms. Studies show that pregnant women (the fetus), children, and adolescent are particularly vulnerable. Not only are young children more vulnerable - their heads are smaller, their skulls are thinner - but they have higher water content, so they absorb more radiation. And older people who are frail and whose immune systems are compromised are also vulnerable. And another point: the nearest school (Willits Charter School) is within 4.6 miles of the site. As 5G microwave radiation travels 6.2 miles, this site is too close to the school.

Fire hazards are another concern. Diesel tanks are close to towers to fuel the generators used to back up the towers. Professor Martin Pall has pointed out that EMFs trigger the regulatory systems of plants to produce high levels of terpenoids that are highly flammable.

There is no longer any doubt that electromagnetic radiation causes cancer and other terrible health problems, including impairment of brain development in fetuses and children, early Alzheimer's in adults, autism and ADHD in children, Lou Gehrig's disease, multiple sclerosis, insomnia, immune system impairment. The list goes on.

5G will be even worse than what's in place now. It's 5 to 100 times stronger than 4G, depending on what's installed at the base stations, so damage to people, animals, and nature will be far worse than what's happening now. Professor Martin Pall has said 5G is "the stupidest idea in the history of the world."

All of this could be completely avoided if AT&T would install fiber optic cable instead. It would be completely safe, and would still be many times faster than 4G (see the work of Dr. Susan Crawford of Harvard).

Please, please, stop the deployment of this tower until other avenues of modern technology and communication can be explored. We must put people ahead of profit. What are very much needed now are White Zones - EMF-free sanctuaries, places where current and future WiFi are not allowed.

Why? We know now that WiFi exposure is CUMULATIVE. In time, everyone will become sensitive to electromagnetic radiation. In the meantime, everyone is affected by EMR, whether they can feel it or not.

Thank you for your consideration.

Helen Sears