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2589 Blue Bird Rd. Falls of Rough Ky. 40119

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Dear; KPSC Executive Director

Docket#2021-00398

Falling Branch Communication Site

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Terry Newton. I am writing this letter on behalf of my wife Kimberly Newton and myself, regarding the construction of a wireless communication facility going to be built on our farm (address listed above).

Let me start off by saying that my wife and I as of February 26, 2022 received a certified letter in the mail about the opposition of the communication tower by our neighbors Roger and Janelle Nicolai. And a Public Meeting is scheduled (March 3, 2022) just days after my heart attack, leaving us no time to prepare.

As you can imagine (being good neighbors) this absolutely just floored my wife and I because of all the times we have spoken to them since the filing of this intervention on October 15, 2021 they never once said anything to us about opposing the construction of this communication facility, concerns about their property value and or location.

I have read through the documents they have submitted for the intervention and Public Meeting along with the handful of their friends they have ask to oppose it along with them as well, but most do not live in this vicinity and benefit nothing from it, I'm really unsure what their intervention is.

As I read the first letter Roger and Janelle Nicolai wrote and received on November 8, 2021 I quote "Our purpose for requesting intervention derives from the following reason: property value." The letter goes on to say at the end of it and I quote, Our request for intervention relies solely on the proposed location of the wireless facility.

The second letter received December 14, 2021 second paragraph states in the last sentence, "I will also return to the sole point of our request for intervention; property value". So I guess you can see I wasn't really clear as to what their intervention was.

I just want to go on record saying a couple more things that's been misconstrued and then I'll wrap this up.

The findings of Affuso, Cummings and Le, these 20k residential property are located in the Metropolitan Statistical Area and not on farmland in a rural area.

Let me touch briefly on the drawings they presented. You (KPSC) know these drawings to be incorrect due to the survey that was conducted for the leased area and right-of-way. I'm sure it had to be presented to you. I also plan on having a property line survey conducted, so we can be clear with our neighbors that it is no way intrusive to their property.

So let's take a minute, stop, and think about property value, it's our property would you not think we would be concerned about property value as well. Instead when we were approached about leasing property for a communication tower, the very first thing that my wife and I discussed and were more concerned about was getting a signal to the kids being left behind with the virtual learning going on, second was public safety being able to call to our first responders and love ones in the instance of an emergency, and then of course my wife being able to conduct business for her work here at home.

My wife and I are willing to give up a portion of our property value for people like Roger and Janelle to be able to make that connection to the outside world and advertise for their farm business so it can grow into what they want it to become.

But not only them but other businesses in the community so they do not have to struggle with getting a better signal to communicate with their vendors.

The location of the tower will be in our back yard and it doesn't bother us in the least, we've lived beside a 911 cell tower for 30 years at our previous house before buying property here over six years ago and living here full time now but anyway that tower over time became part of the landscape and you began to quit paying any attention to it.

Thank you for your time and understanding about the issue at hand. I'm sure you will follow all guidelines and see that this tower is greatly needed for everyone in this area and the 2.1 million people that visit this area and the State Park/Lodge annually.

Sincerely

Terry & Kimberly Newton
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