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RE: Docket #2024-00059

Site Name: Rough River Dam

March 15, 2024

There is an extreme need for better cell service in the Falls of Rough area.

To state it best, service is almost non-existent on Rough River Lake and surrounding areas. From an emergency responder standpoint, we simply need better cell coverage. The proposed tower site would increase needed cell service.

Although my firemen and medical personnel carry radios or pagers and our trucks are equipped with radios, we depend greatly on our cell phones in an emergency situation for the alerts sent to our phones as well as an additional way to communicate with one another.

Additionally, when an emergency arises for an individual in one of these poor service areas it is extremely difficult to obtain the help needed in a timely manner when mere seconds count due to poor cell phone reception.

The proposed site name: Rough River Dam is crucial to our area from an emergency standpoint, I and my department urge you to approve this site to better protect our community.

Sincerely,

Chief David W Mercer

Falls of Rough Community Volunteer Fire Department 13965 Falls of Rough Road

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