

To: Vermont Public Utility Commission

From: Regina Cahill Poole
Rochester VT homeowner (vacation home)
791 Rt 100 S
Rochester VT Land Parcel Owner
1750 Brandon Mountain Rd

Date: January 7, 2026

Re: Case # 25-2931-PET (Proposed telecom tower at 1030 Rt 100 S, Rochester)

I am writing in opposition to this proposed tower in Rochester for a few valid reasons.

When I decided to purchase a second home in Vermont, I toured most of the state from my home in CT over the course of 10 years. I selected Rochester as the location to have a vacation home since I loved the natural open space and historic charm. This home would be where, as a Teacher, I could bring my granddaughters and nephew on our school vacations to have an ideal way of life and get away from the cluttered landscape where we live in CT (signs, billboards, tall buildings, telecommunication towers, etc.)

I can appreciate the need for cellular connectivity, but I strongly feel that this project is much too close to the historic center of town. If the tower were to go up, and I were looking for a home now, I definitely would not buy the house I have now. It sits at the foot of the very steep mountain where the tower will be. I already deal with excess water runoff from melting snow, etc, and this tower certainly won't help that problem. There is also the very real possibility of an increase in erosion from the area due to the increased severity of rain and storms we now get due to climate change.

I worry about how the tower would ruin the Route 100 Scenic Byway. I worry that the tower being right in the small village of Talcville will negatively affect my home's value as well as the health of my family when we are there. I have learned of other negative ways the town of Rochester will be affected which is why it is not fitting with the Town Plan.

I am requesting that this specific proposal be rejected.