

To: Public Utility Commission

From: Richard and Debbie Mathiesen, Rochester residents

Date: January 12, 2026

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

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a narrative as attached to our Motion to Intervene.

1. We are the Pumpkin Patch Bed and Breakfast in the Town of Rochester on the Village Green. We feel that the proposed massive tower would take this beautiful New England town and deface the quaintness of our village. That could impede our business. As a bed and breakfast, our business relies on the reputation that our town has for its beautiful ridge lines, quaint Park, and quintessential unspoiled New England village charm.
2. After Hurricane Irene, and all the damage it left in our town (please don't forget), we got together with businesses in town and worked very hard to get Rochester to be part of the "Scenic Byway." This is important for our town businesses.
3. Our Town Plan has a specific section for telecommunications towers and the proposed tower would violate our Town Plan due to the proximity to the Scenic Byway and the visibility all along the Byway (Route 100) for about 1.7 miles from South of the village through town and North of the village.
4. Due to common knowledge and research, home values are known to decrease by approx. 7-10% for properties near telecommunications towers. Our home and business may be even more adversely impacted due to its location on the Rochester Park on Scenic Byway Route 100. If built as proposed, the subject tower would be visible from our home and business.
5. We have a special daughter with medical needs – the tower will not help her.
6. If the tower were allowed, we are fearful of the road being put in due to its severe grade to the site of the proposed tower. We are concerned about the flooding that could result and our concern is not only for our neighbors and their homes, but for our business which thrives on visitors being able to reach and stay in Rochester. Our son worked for these tower companies several years ago and he said, "*they (the developers) do not care for the roads once they are in, that is it.*"
7. There are other ways to get internet now that is not so invasive and would not leave our children with the towers on our ridges – 50 years is a long time.
8. We are so thankful for our Rochester Town Plan that was written to protect the town and sets guidelines for such proposed telecommunications towers. The proposed tower would violate our Town Plan. We love our special and beautiful town and community and we ask that you respect and follow our Town Plan.

Therefore, we file our Motion to Intervene and we request a hearing on this matter, if the Town's recommendation is not dispositive. Our participation as a party will not unnecessarily delay this

proceeding or otherwise unduly prejudice the interests of existing parties. There is no other way to protect our interests with a business on the Scenic Byway except by participating in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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