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ALLIANCE TO PITTSFIELD: HIRE V-COMM ENGINEERING TO TEST TOWER FOR FCC COMPLIANCE

PITTSFIELD - The Alliance For Microwave Radiation Accountability has issued a statement calling for the City of Pittsfield to hire <u>V-COMM</u>, a telecom engineering firm based in New Jersey, to conduct an independent test of the Verizon Wireless Tower located off of South Street in Pittsfield.

"We believe that the Verizon Wireless Cell Tower on South Street is emitting microwave radiation in excess of the Federal Radiofrequency radiation limits for Maximum Permissible Exposure found in Title 47, subsection 1.1310 of the Code of Federal Regulations and that this cell site is an ongoing health threat as demonstrated by cases of Microwave Radiation Syndrome in the neighborhood nearest the cell tower.

Cell installations exceeding Federal Radiation Limits may be more commonplace than anyone cares to think about because the reality is as frightening as it is dangerous. An engineering survey in New York City, the basis of a <u>Federal Court Case against Sprint and T-mobile</u>, found a Sprint cell tower, located on the roof of a townhouse, operating at 1312% of the FCC limits. (*Copy of Complaint - Ninety Sixty LLC vs Sprint Spectrum Realty, Company, L.P. and T-Mobile, USA, Inc. - Attached Below. It describes the role that V-COMM played in testing, et cetera.*)

The engineering company, V-COMM, contacted Sprint and determined that the company had not taken any measurements of radiation emissions from the tower in question. The case went into Federal Court in a \$2 million lawsuit. Sprint was forced to reach a settlement.

V-COMM is in the business of ensuring FCC Compliance. Their president, Dominic Villecco, is a qualified expert witness in telecommunications engineering in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Michigan. He has testified in Federal Court on behalf of the FCC and the Department of Justice. (V-COMM Contact Info, etc., attached)

The wireless companies submit computer modeling of theoretical calculations to the FCC in place of actual testing of radiation emissions for compliance with FCC Limits for MPE. The FCC only tests radiation levels after a complaint has been filed by concerned citizens or municipalities. Most towers have never been tested. Many towers may be emitting Microwave Radiation in excess of the FCC Limits, particlularly with the push to turn up all existing technology for Dynamic System Sharing.

If a proposed wireless infrastructure is going to exceed the Federal Limits for Radiofrequency Radiation, the applicant is required to file an Environmental Assessment. Verizon Wireless had to certify that the South Street Tower was going to operate below the Radiofrequency radiation exposure limits for Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) found under 47 C.F.R. ss 1.1310 or they were required to do an Environmental Assessment.

If a reputable telecommunications engineering firm, one such as V-COMM that has been used in Federal Court as an expert witness by the FCC itself, makes an independent evaluation of the emissions from the Verizon Cell Tower on South Street and finds that it exceeds the Federal limits, than an Environmental Assessment can be retroactively triggered by a complaint to the FCC and the matter can still end up in the hands of the FCC Enforcement Bureau for investigation and mitigation.

There is an outbreak in Pittsfield, Massachusetts of Microwave Radiation Syndrome among children and otherwise healthy adults. The beginning of the outbreak can be dated to the very date that the Verizon Wireless tower went into operation. The City of Pittsfield has a clear duty to hire a telecommunications engineering firm, one that has been used by the FCC itself for expert testimony in Federal cases, and test the tower to ensure that it's citizens are protected from emissions in excess of the FCC Safety Limits."

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To benefit public health and safety:

1. The Alliance For Microwave Radiation Accountability, Inc. - A.M.R.A., works for greater awareness of Microwave Radiation Syndrome and it's victims.

2. The Alliance For Microwave Radiation Accountability, Inc. - A.M.R.A., works for greater testing and enforcement of FCC Limits for Maximum Permissible Exposure from Microwave Radiation emitted by cellular infrastructure, smart phones, wifi routers, and other wireless devices.

3, The Alliance For Microwave Radiation Accountability, Inc. - A.M.R.A., works for the adoption of new, updated FCC Limits for Maximum Permissible Exposure from Microwave Radiation which take into account the non-thermal physiological effects of constant irradiation from multiple sources.

4. The Alliance For Microwave Radiation Accountability, Inc. - A.M.R.A., connects the leadership of separate grassroots citizens groups in a network; to exchange information and techniques, coordinate joint efforts, and increase the effectiveness of both individual and allied actions.