

Testimony – Guy & Patricia Rovezzi, Party Docket 409

9 February 2011

Patricia & Guy Rovezzi

36 Barnes Road


Falls Village, CT 06031

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1. We reside at 36 Barnes Road in Falls Village, CT where we have lived since 1989. Our home is located adjacent to and below the proposed tower site.
2. We have one minor child age 15 that resides with us.
3. I am an abutting property owner, the proposed tower location will loom directly over my house and property. The use and value of this property will be directly affected by the placement of this tower and subsequent devaluation.
4. We are in consultation with our attorney regarding the right of way access to this tower site. This is an issue that has not been resolved and we intend to fully protect our property rights.
5. We are concerned for our health, the health of our daughter and the effect on the wildlife in this highly sensitive environmental area, should a tower be placed at this location.
6. We are also concerned about the effect this tower would have on the scenic values and the historic district in which it is proposed to be located.

  
Patricia Rovezzi

  
Guy Rovezzi

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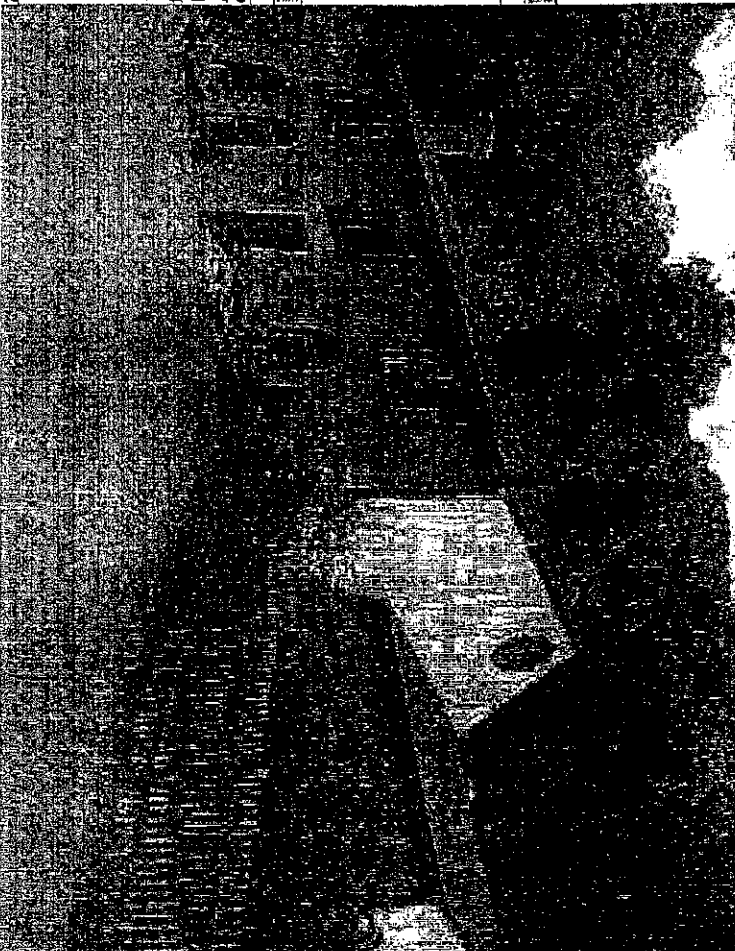
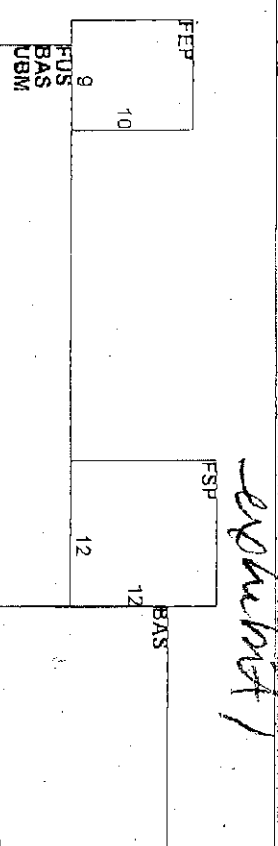
CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUED

Element	Cl.	Ch.	Description	Element	Cl.	Ch.	Description
Style	03		Colonial				
Model	01		Residential				
Grade	07		Above Avg + 2 Stories				
Occupancy	1		Board & Batten				
Exterior Wall 1	06		Board & Batten				
Exterior Wall 2							
Roof Structure	03		Gable/Hip				
Roof Cover	03		Asphalt Shing.				
Interior Wall 1	05		Drywall/Sheet				
Interior Wall 2							
Interior Flr 1	09		Pin/Solr Wood				
Interior Flr 2							
Heat Fuel	02		Oil				
Heat Type	05		Hot Water				
AC Type	01		None				
Total Bedrooms	03		3 Bedrooms				
Total Baths	2						
Total Half Baths	1						
Total Rooms	8		8 Rooms				
Bath Style	02		Average				
Kitchen Style	02		Average				
Fin Bsmnt							
Fin Bsmnt Qual							
Functional Obstnc							
Extrenal Obstnc							
Cost Trend Factor							
Condition							
% Complete							
Overall % Cond							
Apprais Val			347,000				
Dep % Ovr							
Dep Ovr Comment							
Misc Imp Ovr							
Misc Imp Ovr Comment							
Cost to Cure Ovr							
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Code	Description	Sub Descr	CB Unit	Unit Price	Code	Up Rl	Chd	% Cond	Apr Value
RGR4	Garage w Lit -		840	22.00	1998	0		75	13,900
SPL2	InGround Pool		L	336	1998	0		75	7,100
FPL3	2 Story Fireplac		B	2	1992	1		100	4,800

Code	Description	Living Area	Gross Area	Eff Area	Unit Cost	Undeprec. Value
BAS	FRFR Floor	1,901	1,901		113.60	215,956
FSP	Porch, Enclosed, Finished	0	90		79.52	7,157
FSP	Porch, Screen, Finished	0	144		22.88	3,294
FUS	Upper Story, Finished	1,334	1,334		113.60	151,544
UBM	Basement, Unfinished	0	1,334		22.74	30,331
TL Gross Liv/Lense Area:		3,235	4,803			408,282



Vision ID: 655

Account #

Bldg #: 1 of 1

Sec #: 1 of 1

Card 1 of 1

of 1

Print Date: 02/03/2011 09:13

**CURRENT OWNER**  
 ROVEZZI PATRICIA ANN  
 7 Above Street  
 36 BARNES RD  
 FALLS VILLAGE, CT 06031  
 Additional Owners:  
 Other ID: CENSUS TRACT SURVEY MAP SURVEY LOT  
 Callbacks: X  
 000607  
 655

**TOPO:** 7 Above Street  
**UTLITIES:** 1 Paved  
**SVRT ROAD:** 3 Rural  
**LOCATION:** 6021  
**CURRENT ASSESSMENT:** 6021  
 FALLS VILLAGE, CT

**RECORD OR OWNERSHIP:** BY VOLUNTEER SALE DATE: 6/4/94 SALE PRICE: 447,585  
 ROVEZZI PATRICIA ANN  
 GIS ID: ASSOC PID# 655  
 Total: 623,600 349,300

Yr.	Code	Assessed Value	Yr.	Code	Assessed Value
2007	1-1	81,700	2007	6-2	7,700
2007	1-3	246,300	2007	6-4	156,400
2007	1-4	14,700	2007	1-3	14,800
2007	6-2	7,200	2007	1-4	1,999
<b>Total:</b>		<b>349,300</b>	<b>Total:</b>		<b>176,509</b>

**EXEMPTIONS:**  
 NBDY SOB  
 NBDY NAME  
 STREET INDEX NAME  
 TRACING  
 BATCH

**ASSESSING NEIGHBORHOOD:**  
**ASSESSING:**  
 Total: 349,300  
 Appraised Bldg Value (Card) 347,000  
 Appraised XF (B) Value (Bldg) 4,800  
 Appraised OB (L) Value (Bldg) 21,000  
 Appraised Land Value (Bldg) 115,800  
 Special Land Value 135,000  
 Total Appraised Parcel Value 623,600  
 Valuation Method: C  
 Adjustment: 0  
 Net Total Appraised Parcel Value 623,600

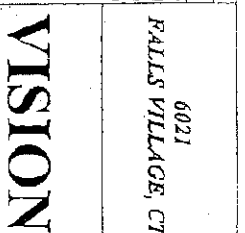
**BUILDING PERMITS:**

Permit ID	Issue Date	Type	Description	Amount	Insp. Date	% Comp.	Date Comp.	Comments	Date	Type	IS	HD	Cd	Purpose/Result
5374	07/07/2009	KE	Remodel	14,000		0		KOOR REPAIR	6/21/07	PR	01	01	01	Measure+Visit
									6/21/07	PR	02	02	02	Measure+2Visit
									9/8/97	RR	00	00	00	Measure+Listed

**LANDLINE/SECTION:**

#	Code	Use	Description	Zone	D	Frontage	Depth	Units	Price	Unit	Factor	S.A.	Acres	Factor	St.	Adj.	Notes-Adj	Special Pricing	Adj. Unit Price	Land Value
1	600	Single Family	Forest	R80				1.84 AC	100,800.00	1.00	0.57	5	0.0000	1.00	7	1.10		490:400		115,800
				R80				25.71 AC	7,000.00	1.00	1.00	0	1.0000	0.75		0.00	TOPO			135,000
<b>Total Land Value:</b> 250,800																				

**LANDLINE/SECTION:**  
 Total Card Land Units: 27.55 AC  
 Parcel Total Land Area: 27.55 AC  
 Total Land Value: 250,800



*exhibit 2*

**TOWN OF CANAAN**

PO BOX 47  
FALLS VILLAGE CT 06031  
JEAN BRONSON

860-824-0707 Voice  
860-824-4506 Fax

Thu Feb 03 2011

**2009/100591**

**Grand List Owner**

Name : ROVEZZI PATRICIA ANN  
Name2 :  
List : 2009/100591  
Link : 2009301022  
See :

**Current Owner**

36 BARNES RD  
FALLS VILLAGE CT 06031

**Property Description**

Locn : 36 BARNES RD  
Map : 05 014 1  
Purc : 03/04/98 55 519

**Now Due**

Pay Up : .00  
Pay Off: .00

**Tax @ 19.5000Mills**

On grand list October 1, 2009 Tax Due July 1, 2010 and January 1, 2011

Assessment  
Gross 349300  
Exemp 0  
Net 349,300  
Tax @ 19.5000  
Base 6,811.35  
Tax to Collect  
Total 6,811.36  
First 3,405.68  
Other 3,405.68

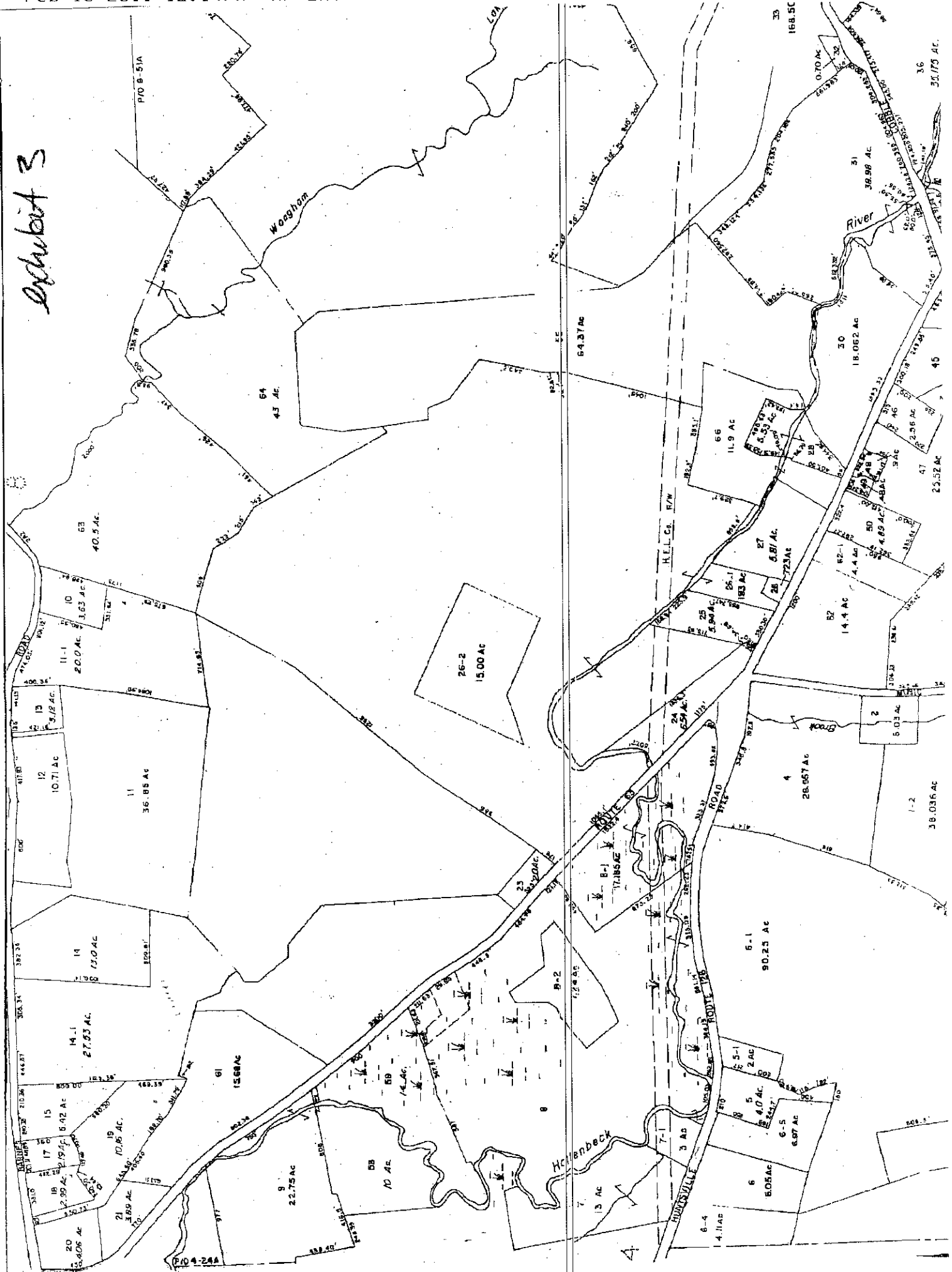
**CofC Changes**

Seq	CofC#	Date	TaxChange	FeeChange	Reason
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**Payments thru FM 7**

	FM Batch	Date	Tax	Interest	Lien	Warrant
1 JUL Bal			3,405.68	.00	.00	.00
P6671	1	100729B P 1	3,405.68	.00	.00	.00
7 JAN Bal			3,405.68	.00	.00	.00
P6967	7	110131A P 2	3,405.68	.00	.00	.00
7 JAN Bal			.00	.00	.00	.00

Exhibit 3



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2. **Windsor Hills/View Park, CA:** residents who were fighting off a T-Mobile antenna in their neighborhood received letters from real estate companies, homeowner associations and resident organizations in their community confirming that real estate values would decrease with a cell phone antenna in their neighborhood. To see copies of their letters to city officials, look at the . Report from Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission regarding CUP Case No. 200700020-(2), from L.A. County Board of Supervisors September 16, 2009, Meeting documents, Los Angeles County website, here at: <http://file.lacounty.gov/bos/supdocs/48444.pdf>

- a. See page 295, August 31, 2008 Letter from Donna Bohanna, President/Realtor of Solstice International Realty and resident of Baldwin Hills to Los Angeles Board of Supervisors explaining negative effect of cell tower on property values of surrounding properties. "As a realtor, I must disclose to potential buyers where there are any cell towers nearby. I have found in my own experience that there is a very real stigma and cellular facilities near homes are perceived as undesirable."
- b. See page 296, March 26, 2008 Letter from real estate professional Beverly Clark, "Those who would otherwise purchase a home, now considered desirable, can be deterred by a facility like the one proposed and this significantly reduces sales prices and does so immediately...I believe a facility such as the one proposed will diminish the buyer pool, significantly reduce homes sales prices, alter the character of the surrounding area and impair the use of the residential properties for their primary uses."
- c. See Page 298, The Appraiser Squad Comment Addendum, about the reduced value of a home of resident directly behind the proposed installation after the city had approved the CUP for a wireless facility there: "The property owner has listed the property...and has had a potential buyer back out of the deal once this particular information of the satellite communication center was announced....there has been a canceled potential sale therefore it is relevant and determined that this new planning decision can have some negative effect on the subject property."
- d. See Page 301, PowerPower presentation by residents about real estate values: "The California Association of Realtors maintains that 'sellers and licensees must disclose material facts that affect the value or desirability of the property,' including 'known conditions outside of

and surrounding' it. This includes 'nuisances' and zoning changes that allow for commercial uses."

e. See Pages 302-305 from the Baldwin Hills Estates Homeowners Association, the United Homeowners Association, and the Windsor Hills Block Club, opposing the proposed cell tower and addressing the effects on homes there: "Many residents are prepared to sell in an already depressed market or, in the case of one new resident with little to no equity, simply walk away if these antennas are installed.

f. See Pages 362-363, September 17, 2008, Letter from resident Sally Hampton, of the Windsor Hills Homeowner's Assoc., Item K, addressing effects of the proposed facility on real estate values.

Health exhibits

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### SCIENCE & RESEARCH: HEALTH EFFECTS

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Above: France is way head of the U.S. in protecting their children. Here's a poster that's part of the public health campaign of the City of Lyon, France. Thanks to [next-up.org](#) for this English-translated version of the poster. Read more about their campaign here: <http://www.env-health.org/a/3205>

At public hearings, wireless reps and others may stand up and give public comment that there is no conclusive evidence showing cell towers and cell phones cause cancer. They may even hand city officials a thick packet of documents that they say supports their arguments. However, you should have your own packet of studies, documents and links for your city officials to review.

There are a growing number of stories, videos and websites about the mounting research and science regarding the harmful effects of wireless technologies on our bodies (this is why many organizations want to repeal or modify the U.S. Telecommunications Act of 1996 because the current exposure standards do not take into account recent scientific findings).

#### 1. Do cell towers emit radiation? Yes.

- **Even the FCC says so. Let's go back to 1996, when the FCC originally set the initial RF radiation guidelines as mandated by the Telecommunications Act of 1996: "Guidelines for Evaluating the Environmental Effects of Radiofrequency Radiation, ET Docket No. 93-62," August 1, 1996.** Go here to read it: [http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Engineering\\_Technology/Orders/1996/fcc\\_96326.pdf](http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Engineering_Technology/Orders/1996/fcc_96326.pdf) (This document also reveals federal agencies and other



organizations that had problems with the proposed guidelines.)

- Also read the FCC's FAQ about RF Safety:  
<http://www.fcc.gov/oet/rfsafety/rf-faqs.html#Q1>, and the FCC's OET Bulletin 56 (1999):  
[http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Engineering\\_Technology/Documents/bulletins/oet56/oet56e4.pdf](http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Engineering_Technology/Documents/bulletins/oet56/oet56e4.pdf)
- OSHA, which contributed to the FCC's RF radiation exposure standards, has no problem calling RF radiation what it is -- go to their website and see for yourself:  
<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/radiofrequencyradiation/index.html#standards>
- The FDA also helped the FCC establish its current RF exposure guidelines. On its website discussion of cell phone health issues, the FDA explains that:

*RF energy is a type of non-ionizing radiation. Other types of non-ionizing radiation include visible light, infrared radiation (heat) and other forms of electromagnetic radiation with relatively low frequencies.*

*While RF energy doesn't ionize particles, large amounts can increase body temperatures and cause tissue damage. Two areas of the body, the eyes and the testes, are particularly vulnerable to RF heating because there is relatively little blood flow in them to carry away excess heat.*

*(Source, see: <http://www.fda.gov/Radiation-EmittingProducts/RadiationEmittingProductsandProcedures/HomeBusinessandEntertainment/CellPhones/ucm116282.htm>)*

- The CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), meanwhile, contributed to the FCC's RF radiation exposure standards, and on its website, and it posts the CDC's "Cell Phone Fact Sheet" (dated 2005), which calls RF radiation what it is:

***What is RF?***

*Electromagnetic radiation consists of waves of electric and magnetic energy moving together (radiating) through space. Radio waves and microwaves released by transmitting antennas are one form of*

*electromagnetic energy. They are called "radiofrequency" or "RF" energy or radiation. Often the term "electromagnetic field" or "radiofrequency field" is used to indicate the presence of electromagnetic or RF energy.*

*RF radiation should not be confused with ionizing radiation, such as x-rays or gamma rays. RF fields have lower energy and therefore cannot cause ionization (potentially resulting in chemical changes) in the body. RF fields are non ionizing radiation.*

### **What is non ionizing radiation?**

*Non ionizing radiation has lower energy and longer wavelength than ionizing radiation. It is not strong enough to change the structure of atoms it contacts but may be strong enough to heat tissue. Examples include radio waves, microwaves, visible light, and infrared.*

*(Source, see:*

*[http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/radiation/factsheets/cellphone\\_facts.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/radiation/factsheets/cellphone_facts.pdf))*

**Some officials will avoid saying "radiation" in favor of "emissions" -- and if so, here's the reasoning behind that, even though we know that RF radiation is RF radiation and have First Amendment rights so we can feel free to call it what it really is: RF radiation (Read Page 6+:**

**[http://jonathankramer.com/articles/pdf/callbar.public-law-journal\\_vol-32-No-3\\_summer-2009.output.pdf](http://jonathankramer.com/articles/pdf/callbar.public-law-journal_vol-32-No-3_summer-2009.output.pdf).)**

**2. Are the current FCC RF radiation exposure standards sufficient? No. Read all of the health studies below. Also read and watch these:**

- The EPA, which participated in FCC's exposure standard setting, explains the limitations and uncertainty of the FCC's adopted standard in protecting human health. In a July 16, 2002 letter, EPA's Norbert Hankin, Center for Science and Risk Assessment, Radiation Protection Division explains to Ms. Janet Newton, President of the EMR Network:**

*I believe it is correct to say that there is uncertainty about whether or not current guidelines adequately treat nonthermal,*

*prolonged exposures (exposures that may continue on an intermittent basis for many years). The explanation that follows is basically a summary of statements that have been made in other EPA documents and correspondence....*

*The FCC's current exposure guidelines, as well as those of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection, are thermally based, and do not apply to chronic, nonthermal exposure situations... The FCC's exposure guideline is considered protective of effects arising from a thermal mechanism but not from all possible mechanisms. Therefore, the generalization by many that the guidelines protect human beings from harm by any or all mechanisms is not justified.*

*...The exposure guidelines did not consider information that addresses nonthermal, prolonged exposures, i.e., from research showing effects with implications for possible adversity in situations involving chronic/prolonged, low-level (nonthermal) exposures. Relatively few chronic, low-level exposure studies of human populations have been reported and the majority of these studies do not show obvious adverse health effects. However, there are reports that suggest that potentially adverse health effects, such as cancer, may occur. Since EPA's comments were submitted to the FCC in 1993, the number of studies reporting effects associated with both acute and chronic low-level exposure to RF radiation has increased.*

*...The FCC does not claim that their exposure guidelines provide protection for exposures to which the 4 W/kg SAR basis does not apply, i.e., exposures below the 4W/kg threshold level that are chronic/prolonged and nonthermal...there is uncertainty about possible risk from nonthermal, intermittent exposures that may continue for years.*

*...Federal health and safety agencies have not yet developed policies concerning possible risk from long-term, nonthermal exposures.*

(Source: 2002 EPA letter re: limitations of FCC RF radiation exposure guidelines:

[http://www.emrpolicy.org/litigation/case\\_law/docs/loi\\_epa\\_response.p](http://www.emrpolicy.org/litigation/case_law/docs/loi_epa_response.p)