



CELL/INTERNET TOWER IN PLEASANT VALLEY

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I have worked from home full time for over 30 years via the internet. Then we moved to the Pleasant Valley area in 1998 and discovered we could not use our cell phone (that we had been able to use for years in Southern California) let alone have convenient internet service. I tried working via internet phone lines with the phone company. This was too slow. I moved to internet via satellite companies. I tried 2 companies. Unfortunately they always put the satellite dish on the roof of my house and when it snows I am unable to work because the snow covers the satellite and blocks transmission. This went on for a couple of years and my company was not happy with my taking so many days off due to snow. I then went to DSL via AT&T and this worked well until everyone in the area found out about DSL and too many started using the service and slowed it way down.

Then one day a gentleman drove up my driveway stating AT&T was scouting out property for possible cell/internet tower sites. I was thrilled. He asked if he could walk my property and take pictures. He did this to multiple sites in the Pleasant Valley area and decided on my neighbor's property. I was very excited. He said it would take a couple of years to finalize everything and build the towers. I had hope I would be working faster and more efficiently in the future. My neighbor changed his mind due to a death in the family and AT&T selected my property next. I did not care where the tower went as long as we could get internet service in our area.

I have attended all of the public hearings for the cell towers and I was surprised and disbelieving that there were so many people who were upset about the towers being even proposed. I thought I was in a time warp and living in the 1820's instead of 2018.

For people like me who work from home via the internet, our only other option is to move somewhere where this service is available. I moved to El Dorado County for the beauty and the minimal traffic. I do not want to move out of El Dorado County and I would like to continue to work from my home. I do not understand the extreme resistance to having cell/internet service in view of the fact everything, literally everything runs today attached to the internet. You cannot make a purchase with a credit card or a check without it somehow involving the internet.

I certainly hope the Planning Commission and the El Dorado County Supervisors can see the value and the necessity for this service in the rural communities. For goodness sakes, they even have cell service and internet service in third world countries and we in El Dorado County are still waiting for this service here,

Thank you for taking the time to read about my concerns.

Sincerely,

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