

In looking at the past comments for this docket, I gather the issue is assuring emergency telephone service, as well as transitioning out of the copper landline networks into fiber and wireless networks. I make a case that the copper landline networks are the most reliable and the most healthy and environmentally friendly communications we have. The ONLY reason people are embracing wireless (microwave radiation based) and computer based telephone service is lack of education and censorship of the public dialogue on this subject via the unconstitutional 1996 Telecommunications Act, which prohibits objections on health and environmental grounds, precisely because wireless is so lethal to health and the environment. That act protects the profits, and wrong doing, of this industry....NOT the good of the public. The only experts who claim this technology is safe are those on the payroll of these companies. So in arguing for the necessity of transition into technologies that damage/kill people and the environment, in all its forms, we are arguing about the wrong thing. I recommend Dr. Ron Powell's writings on this, because he is brilliant, and because he lists hundred/thousands of scientific, expert sources who back this up. He can be found on Scribb documents under Wireless Technology and Health, and his document number is 291507610. In the event of a grid attack or take down, which is a very real possibility in this day and age, ONLY the copper telephone networks are free of the grid. Fiber is excellent for speed and reliability, but will go down with the grid. So will cordless phones (which are, in effect cell phones, with the charging base a small cell phone tower, again, the public is not informed of this), and wireless will also go down with the grid. Besides this, wireless is toxic, produces a toxic radiation soup in all areas where it is used (which sensitive people can feel), produces immediate symptoms, such as headaches and pressure on the head on those who are sensitive (as well as long-term effects such as gliomas - aggressive brain cancers, on others), and is not as fast or reliable as fiber. Spewing out man made radiation into our environment surely has to be one of the most misguided policies the human race has come up with. We need to get rid of this technology, and all its ugly equipment, in the home and outside of the home, and start being smart about technology that is totally safe and better than this. The old traditional landlines should be preserved, both as an

option for those who don't want, or can't use cell phones, and as a drastically needed reliable communications network during weather problems and, most importantly, threats to our electric grid. We need them as a consumer choice and a safer alternative to modern technology, as well as for emergencies. We also need a choice for fiber, even in rural environments, again to protect the environment of the beautiful countryside and the wildlife, the health of those living in rural America, while giving them the option of fast technology should they want it. Remember: technology is always a choice. And the free market should prevail, which, when it is not tampered with, means that the safest products survive and the unsafe ones don't. It is a crime to try to force people onto cell phones, wifi, and even safe fiber, if there is only a 15 min backup, or a few hours emergency backup. In the event of a total or partial grid take down, we are talking months or years before something can be done. It is time our telecommunications companies were forced to put the public good before their quick profits or added benefits (wireless technology is the foundation for spying on the public). We need landlines for emergency continuity of communications, as well as for health.