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9. I have read the foregoing statements and such statements are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. Dated at Washington Virginia this 25th day of October, 2001.

Grace R. Sims

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DECLARATION

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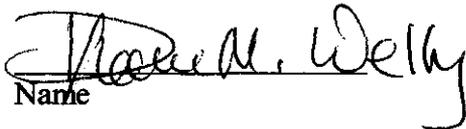
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2. My name is Diane M. Kelly. I live at Greenback Farm near, _____, Virginia. I am ^{not} a member of both Forest Conservation Council and Piedmont Environmental Council.
3. I have chosen to live where I am now because of my desire to live in an area where it remains possible to enjoy the unique scenic, recreational, cultural, historic, and ecological values of a rural community like Rappahannock County. The cell tower network proposed by Sprint PCS and APC Realty will degrade the rural character of Rappahannock County and forever alter the attributes of my property that I value the most.
4. These towers will greatly diminish the vistas I now enjoy from my home and the views I enjoy when traveling through the County. Generators used to power the facility will create irritating noise. Access roads being constructed for these projects will have the adverse effect of further degrading our scenic vistas and exacerbating soil erosion. Many of these towers will necessitate the logging of natural forests, disturbing the wildlife habitats of many species that we treasure. Installation and ongoing maintenance of the facility will bring additional traffic close by our house.
5. The proposed Rose Hill Silo tower(s) will also be in plain view of my house. Taken together, the cumulative impact of these towers and their access roads to the scenic

vistas from my property would be enormous. These towers would forever alter the scenic character of my property, neighborhood and rural community and consequently could have a detrimental impact on my property value as well.

6. The proposed tower network will also degrade the character of historic properties that I regularly enjoy as well as the entire historic district of the town of Washington. Rappahannock County is home to numerous historic resources, and is one of the last areas in Virginia where such resources can be viewed in relative abundance in settings that are not contaminated by incompatible modern intrusions such as power lines and cell phone towers. Each of the proposed cell phone towers will diminish the historical integrity of churches, schools, houses, bridges, and farms that I enjoy and alter the peaceful historical settings in which these structures are currently found. Taken together, the impacts of the proposed towers will cause a significant deterioration to the diversity and abundance of Rappahannock County's historic resources.
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8. Another major concern I have is with the increase in public safety risks associated with cell phone use while driving. I am aware of the many studies reported by the media linking increased cell phone use with an increased number of accidents on the highways. I do not think that the increased convenience of making telephone calls from a car is even remotely worth the risks of injury from accidents on the highways caused by distracted drivers.

9. In the foregoing petition, FCC and PEC have asked the Federal Communications Commission to require Sprint PCS and APC Realty to prepare an environmental assessment ("EA") or environmental impact statement ("EIS") for the proposed cell tower network in Rappahannock County. I strongly support this request for three main reasons. First, by forcing the companies to prepare a scientifically credible study, as required by law, many of the concerns I have will be addressed in a more thorough manner or addressed for the first time. For example, none of the documents I have seen so far address public safety risks, risks to water quality and fish habitat, or cumulative effects on scenic vistas. It is my understanding that federal laws require that the requested EA or EIS address these issues. Secondly, if Sprint and APC prepare an EA or EIS, it will provide an opportunity for me to work with them to mitigate the injuries I will suffer as a result of the proposed towers. It is my understanding that by preparing an EA or EIS, a company not only has to disclose the impacts of its proposal, but also develop measures to mitigate those impacts. Finally, it is my understanding that in the context of an EA or EIS, Sprint and APC will have to thoroughly examine alternative configurations of their proposed network, including an alternative of not building the network at all or building it in such a way as to reduce or eliminate the kinds of harm I have described above. It is my hope that an alternative less harmful to my community will be chosen as a result of the EA or EIS both FCC and PEC seek.

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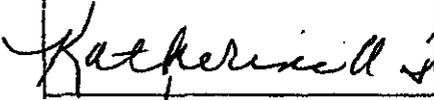
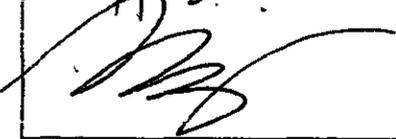
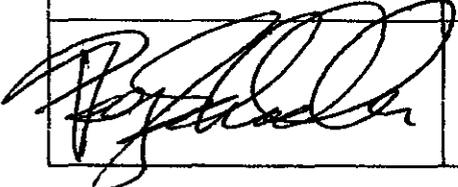
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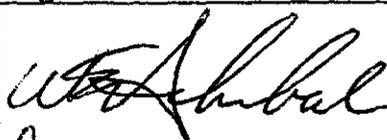
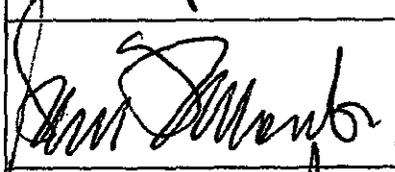
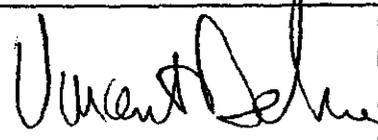
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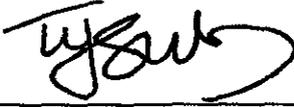
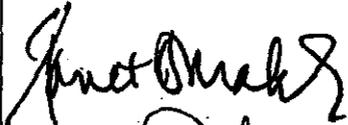
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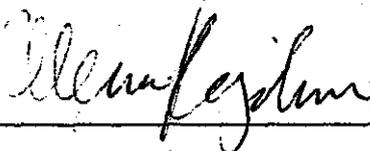
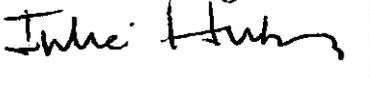
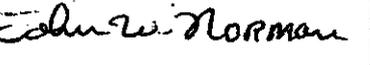
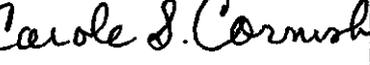
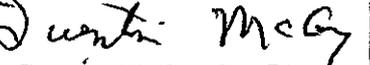
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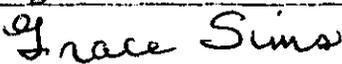
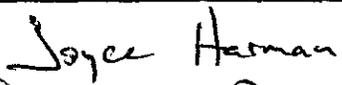
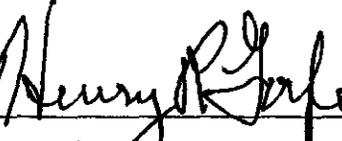
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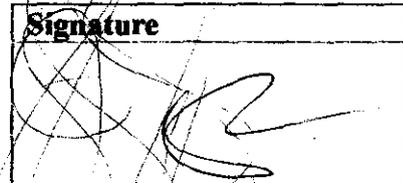
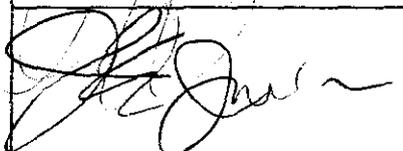
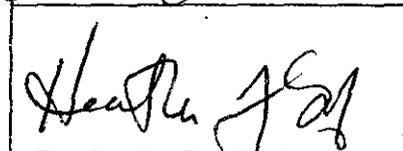
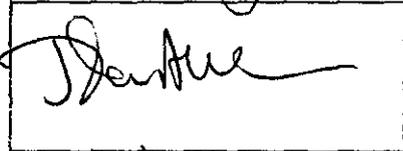
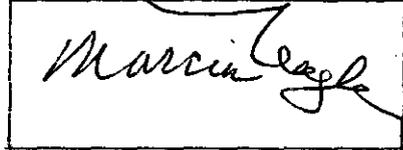
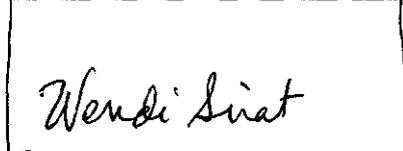
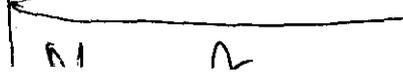
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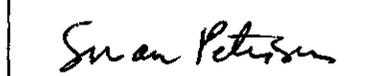
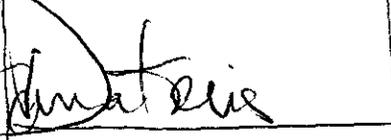
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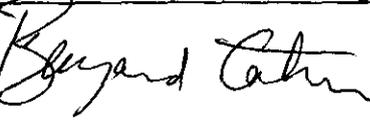
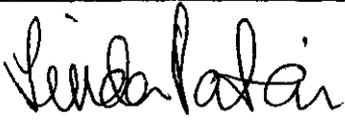
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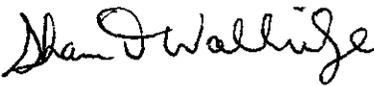
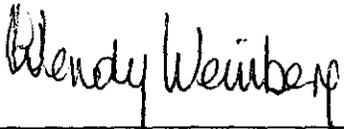
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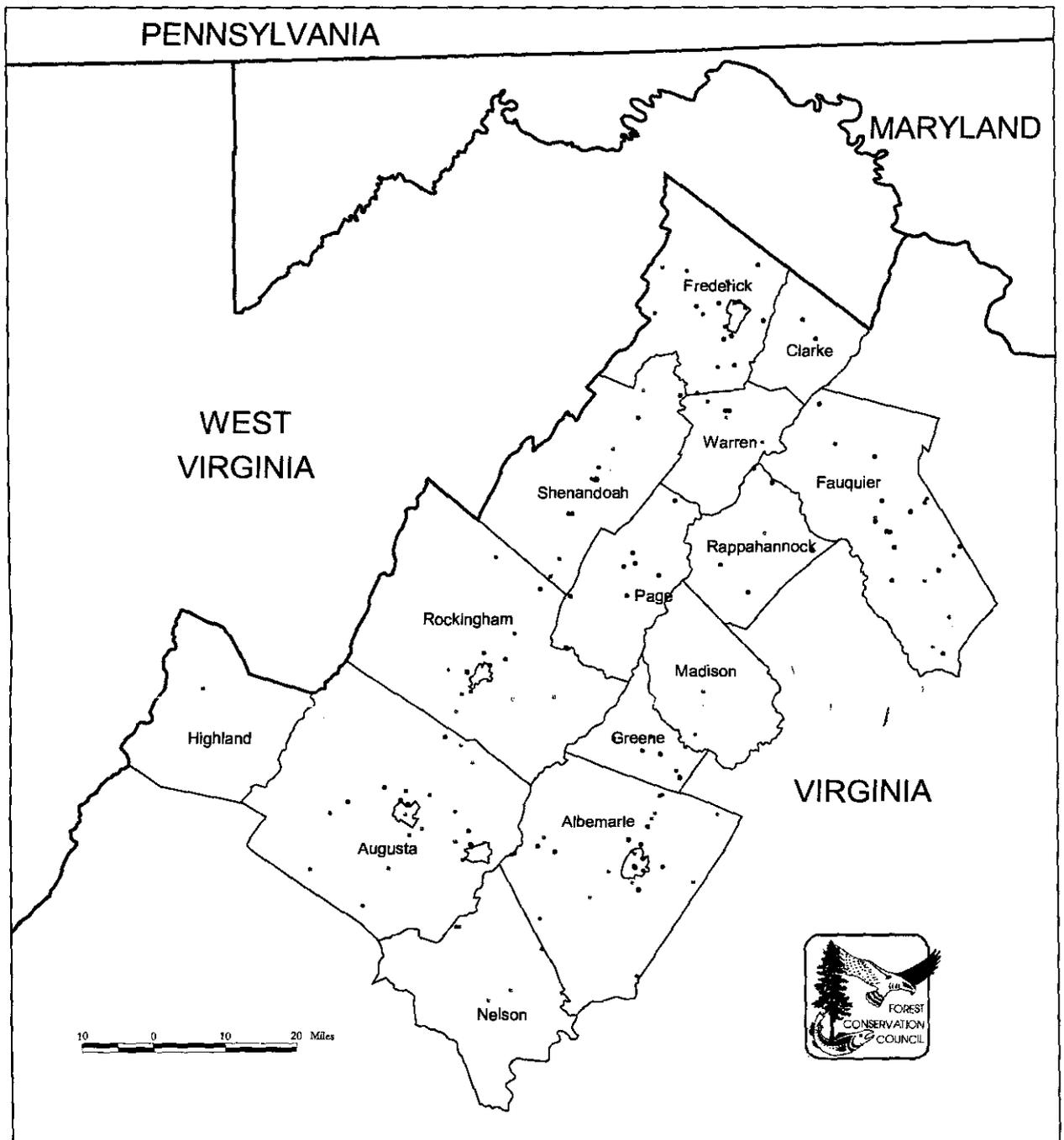
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Tower Structures in Northwestern Virginia



- Tower structures:
- More than 200 ft. tall, no NEPA documentation
 - Less than 200 ft. tall, no NEPA documentation
 - More than 200 ft. tall, incomplete NEPA documentation
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Data sources:

The tower structure data are from the Federal Communications Commission's Universal Licensing System Antenna Structure Registration database. Tower structures registered with the FCC as of March, 2001 are displayed.

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COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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June 26, 2001

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RE: ESSLOG #14975; Rappahannock County Communication Towers

Dear Mr. Hall:

This letter is in response to your request for information related to the presence of threatened or endangered species in the vicinity of the above referenced projects.

Information about fish and wildlife species was generated from our agency's computerized Fish and Wildlife Information System, which describes animals that are known or may occur in a particular geographic area. Field surveys may be necessary to determine the presence or absence of some of these species on or near the proposed area. Also, additional sensitive animal species may be present, but their presence has not been documented in our information system.

1. 148 Weaver Road, Amissville, VA: There are currently no documented occurrences of threatened or endangered species in the project area.

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2. 14240 Lee Highway, Amissville, VA: There are currently no documented occurrences of threatened or endangered species in the project area. However, the state special concern dickcissel (*Spiza americana*), has been documented within 1.5 miles of the project area. The classification of "state special concern" is not a legal designation and does not require further coordination.

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Endangered plants and insects are under the jurisdiction of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Bureau of Plant Protection. Questions concerning sensitive plant and insect species occurring at the project site should be directed to Keith Tignor at (804) 786-3515.

There is a processing charge of \$25.00 for our response. Please remit a check, made payable to **TREASURER OF VIRGINIA**, within 30 days to MaryBeth Murr at the address listed on the first page. Include a copy of this letter with your payment to ensure that your account is properly credited.

This letter summarizes the likelihood of the occurrence of endangered or threatened animal species at the project site. If you have additional questions in this regard, please contact me at (804) 367-1185. Please note that this response does not address any other environmental concerns; these issues are analyzed by our Environmental Services Section, in conjunction with interagency review of applications for state and federal permits. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact Tom Wilcox at (804) 367-8999.

The Fish and Wildlife Information Service, the system of databases used to provide the information in this letter, can now be accessed via the Internet! The Service currently provides access to current and comprehensive information about all of Virginia's fish and wildlife resources, including those listed as threatened, endangered, or special concern; colonial birds; waterfowl; trout streams; and all wildlife. Users can choose a geographic location and generate a report of species known or likely to occur around that point. From our main web page, at www.dgif.state.va.us, choose the hyperlink to "Wildlife Information Online". For more information, please contact Amy Martin, Online Service Coordinator, at (804) 367-2211.

CHAPTER SIX

GOALS, PRINCIPLES, AND POLICIES

This comprehensive land use plan is an endeavor to shape the future physical development of the County by the adoption of goals, principles and policies rather than by the formulation of requirements that would impose a rigid image of the future.

Central to Rappahannock County's definition of itself are the mountains, among the oldest on earth, and its intact ecosystem. Rappahannock's agricultural, forestry and tourism industries are critically dependent upon the careful nurturing of these natural resources. To acknowledge this unique status, we the people of Rappahannock declare it to be a "scenic county" and all goals, principles, and policies will reflect and devolve from this fundamental recognition.

A scenic county shall mean:

- One in which preservation and enhancement of the natural and historic beauty and cultural value of the countryside shall be respected as being of foremost importance; and,
- One in which conditions for a sustainable agricultural and tourism economy not be dependent upon traditionally defined growth patterns

These are the cornerstones upon which all of Rappahannock County's land use planning shall stand.

A GOALS

1. To preserve the overall viewshed of the county in its unspoiled, natural setting, which gives it special character and identity.
2. To preserve and protect the mountains with special concern for scenic ridgetops.
3. To preserve and enhance rural and open spaces.
4. To protect the natural, scenic, and historic resources, thus ensuring the quality of life for our citizens.
5. To encourage and maintain a viable rural agricultural and tourism-based economy compatible with the county's size and character.

6. To provide for the economical delivery of necessary public services consistent with these goals.
7. To acknowledge and maintain our sense of community and encourage the spirit of volunteerism whenever possible.
8. To discourage the continuing conversion of land that challenges our ability to stabilize and balance our local tax base.
9. To define the future boundaries of growth necessary to preserve our community character and to maintain the balance that exists today.
10. To provide for the strongest possible employment base for the residents of Rappahannock, with a diversified economy compatible with the County's current base of agriculture and tourism.

B. PRINCIPLES

PRINCIPLE 1

To encourage agricultural operations and ensure the preservation of the productivity, availability, and use of agricultural lands for continued production of agricultural products

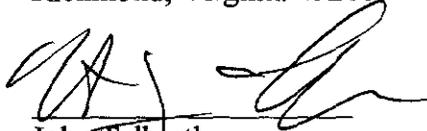
POLICIES

1. Promote and protect agriculture as the primary use of land in rural areas and inform the public of the benefits of this policy.
2. Support the development of markets for Rappahannock County agricultural products, and cooperate with individual agricultural interests within the county, and establish liaisons with counties in the areas that have similar development programs.
3. Encourage renewal of horticultural and viticultural activities including apple and peach orchards whenever possible.
4. Encourage traditional soil and water conservation practices among the county's farmers in order to preserve productive soils, to control erosion and siltation and to protect water resources.
5. Make land use decisions and plans that approve conversion of important farmland to non-farm use only if overriding public

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, John Talberth, hereby certify that on this 5th day of December, 2001 a copy of the foregoing "Petition for Order Mandating Preparation of an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement" was served via UPS Second Day Air Mail, postage pre paid on the following parties who have been identified as the applicant's agent:

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