

Dear Federal Communications Commission:

Please accept these comments regarding the FCC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Communication Towers and Birds, WT Docket No. 03-187. The FCC should adopt measures immediately and stop the delays in addressing this pressing environmental issue.

The overwhelming scientific documentation and research that the FCC has received supports changes to tower siting, lighting, and use of guy wires.

The FCC should stop delaying and require that:

- 1) New antennas should be co-located on existing structures, and if not, kept under 200' if possible
- 2) If lighting is required, only white or red strobe lighting should be used – use of steady-burning or slow-pulsing red lights should cease;
- 3) All existing towers using red steady-burning or slow-pulsing lights should be converted to white or red strobes; and
- 4) New towers under 500' should not use guy wires unless absolutely necessary

The FCC can choose to continue to delay in this matter and continue to violate NEPA, ESA, and the MBTA. Or, the FCC can solve this problem and adopt provisions for the co-location of towers, the use of strobe lights exclusively on all towers, and for not allowing guy wires on new towers where possible. I urge the FCC to act NOW to prevent the deaths of millions of birds at communication towers each year.

Sincerely,