

Dear FCC,

I would like to add comments on the above captioned Dockets. I am a former employee of Verizon, then Bell Atlantic, BA. I worked in the business office as a customer service representative. I began having health problems that I attributed to something in my work environment. I developed occupational asthma, reactive airway disease, immune system damage, liver and kidney damage, edema of the skin, eye problems, central nervous system damage, headaches, fatigue, loss of voice, laryngeal edema and dozens of other problems. I was declared totally disabled. I was fired from my job of 25 years because I had lost my voice. I did not discover the real cause of all my health problems until about a year later. I discovered that Verizon, BA, had known and suspected that carbonless copy paper, ccp, I used and was exposed to was causing not only my adverse health problems but also to employees in many offices in Virginia and Maryland. The corporate Industrial Hygienists, Mary Beam, had suspected that many health complaints in many offices and the same job function as mine, were caused by the ccp. She had contacted the manufacturers of the ccp that BA used and gotten a great deal of information. She had documents to confirm that there were dozens of carcinogens, reproductive toxins and hazardous chemicals in the ccp. Verizon knew of chemical components in the ccp to include, but not limited to formaldehyde (found at up to 200 ppm by the manufacturers when the OSHA permissible limits now .75 ppm) benzene, toluene, toluene diisocyanate, isocyanates, propylene glycol, acrylic polymer, ethanol, methanol, 2-ethoxyethanol, ethylene glycol monoether ether, silica, alkylphenol novolac resin and dozens of other chemicals. They knew that some of the known adverse health effects from use and exposure included injuries associated with silica exposure, mucous membrane and respiratory irritation, headaches, dizziness, drowsiness, tingling, numbness, shooting pains in hands and arms, nausea, vomiting, burning sensation of the nose and throat, watering eyes, skin irritation including defatting, dryness, dermatitis, weakness, fatigue, leg cramps, restlessness, confusion, drunken behavior, blurred vision, changes in color perception, vertigo, clouded or double vision, ringing in ears, insomnia, trembling, unsteady gait, kidney and liver damage, central nervous system damage, occupational asthma, birth defects, loss of voice and laryngeal edema (the reason I was fired) unconsciousness, coma, cancer and death. They had prepared warnings as far back as 1991 and 1992 to warn the untold numbers of employees that may use and be exposed to ccp of the potential adverse health effects. These warnings were never given. In a workers compensation hearing, Verizon was warned by my doctor that I was severely injured by ccp and should never be re-exposed as such re-exposure could cause not only severe adverse health effects but was potentially life threatening. This was known to Verizon, BA, in 1991 by a study released in 1988 by the University of Iowa that spoke directly to the chemical alkylphenol novolac and carbonless copy paper, causing the loss of voice and laryngeal edema like I suffered. Yet in the workers compensation hearing, the lawyer for Verizon purposely threw a stack of ccp in front of me during the hearing and asked me to identify this as what I was claiming had injured me on the job. Within a couple of minutes, I lay unconscious on the floor and indeed did almost die as a direct result of this action. I was to discover this was a planned, premeditated act by Verizon, BA. Even with all of this information, Verizon has refused to pay my disability retirement, any health benefits or any other earned benefits. I worked 25 years, was an excellent employee and have been denied all benefits. Employees that were suspected to be injured by ccp were fired or forced to retire and then denied benefits. This was to save money for investors and pay high salaries to corporate officers. I have worked on this issue for years, I have all but begged Verizon to simply pay my disability and other benefits that they owe me and provide the warnings to all the now thousands of other current and former employees. There is no way to tell how many employees may also be injured, have the known adverse health problems that Verizon has known about and never, like me, suspected that the ccp they worked with, used or were exposed to had caused such injuries. There is no way to tell how many current or former employees may have already died as a direct result of the use and exposure to ccp.

I have sent hundreds of emails to Verizon to beg them to not only pay my disability but also warn the other thousands of current and former employees. They refuse to do so. This is to avoid paying such disability and other associated costs. Verizon is self insured so associated cost would be at the expense of investors and high pay of corporate officers. I have sent emails to Ivan G Seidenberg, Dennis F. Strigl, William Barr, John W Dierckson, Marc C Reed, John G Stratton,

Thomas J Tauke, Doreen A Toben, John F Killian, Virginia P Ruesterholz, Thomas A Bartlett , Catherine T Webster, Ronald Lataille, Marianne Drost,, Peter Thonis, Eric Rabe, Harry Mitchell ,Mary H Beam, David.m.feldman@core.verizon.com, 908-559-5577 (lawyer that continues to refuse my disability and refuses, on behalf of all Verizon to warn other employees), Verizon Wireless Lowell McAdam, Matha Delehanty, Jim Gerace, Anthony Melone, Jack Plating, John Townsend, Steve Zipperstein and dozens of other corporate and management officers. Verizon still refuses to pay what they owe me or to warn the now thousands of current and former employees that have used and been exposed to ccp, may be injured or families of employees that may have already died from cancer or other associated know damages.

I fully believe that , with the internal documents I have, it proves fraud on the part of Verizon and all corporate officers and management that have purposely secreted this information from employees and continued to allow them to become injured. I would believe that such terrible actions or non action by these persons at Verizon would be considered criminal acts if persons like me have been severely injured and others that may have already died.

I have already sent correspondance to the Office of the Attorney General of New York to begin investigation into such actions by Verizon and possible prosecute corporate officers with criminal charges.

As I stated, I have been in contact with corporate officers for years about this. Since they have continued to refuse to pay what they owe me and to warn the thousands of other employees, I will be forced to file additional litigation in order to simply get what is owed to me and that will surely develop into a class action for possibly thousands of current and former employees. Such litigation would surely cost Verizon billions in losses as Verizon is self insured and has committed fraud , intentional injuries to employees and other claims. This would cost the investors huge losses.

Since discussing the possibility of such class actions with Verizon corporate officers, some corporate officers have sold great amounts of stock. In the last six months William Barr, the General Counsel, sold over \$11 million in stock, Catherine Webster \$2.2 million, Thomas Bartlett \$3.5 miooion, Thomas Tauke \$1,2 million, doreen Toben \$1.2 million, Dennis Strigl \$8.5 million, John Killian \$2.5 million and many others have sold huge amounts.

All of this should be of great interest to the FCC regarding the 700MHz Auction and associated aspects of that Auction because Verizon is also committing fraud upon the FCC and all other interested parties and investors by secreting the known information about the expected class action associated with the intentional injuries, disabilities, cancer and deaths of possibly thousands of current and former employees. If such a case is filed and when the thousands of other current and former employees discover this information , Verizon is not going to be able to afford to even participate in this auction or other aspects of the business of Verizon . Customers and investors will suffer great financial losses.

I will be glad to provide copies of documents, correspondance and any other related materials to confirm these claims.

I would hope that , given these circumstances, that the FCC would not allow Verizon to participate in the upcoming 700 MHz auctions unless and until they can prove they can withstand the expected billions in losses from such a class action and also have the funds to participate in this auction.

Respectfully submitted,
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