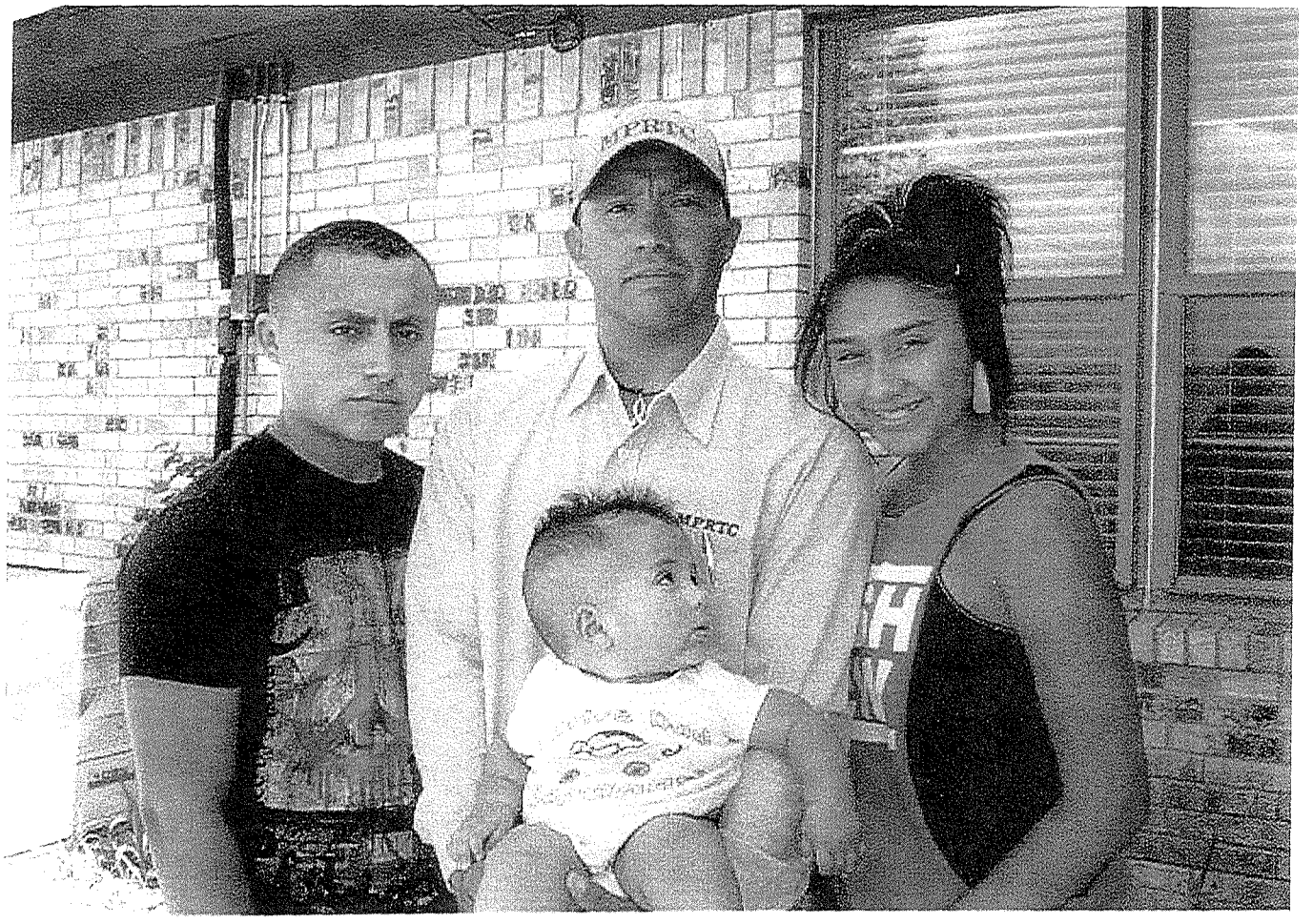

Hello, my name is Cody Nolen. I work for Mid Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, in Tulia, Texas. I have lived in the rural area for many years. I would like to ask you to reconsider the decision to do away with "Rural Telephone Cooperatives". The decisions you make not only effect my family, but many other families in the rural area's as well. The choices you make could result in the loss of my income. It is not just me who will be suffering. My wife Charla, and my four children will suffer if my job is taken away in such a manner. My daughter's, Adalee and Ashlynn are four and eight years old. My son's, Aiden and Bradyn are five and six. I work hard every day to provide for my family. Yes, we chose to live in this area but that does not make any of us less important than the one's who choose to live in a large city. Without the rural community, the food you eat and some of the clothes that you wear are going to go up in cost and possibly be less abundant. A lot of the food that you eat is home grown and farmed by the one's that your decisions are going to effect, the one's you consider "rural". A tremendous amount of what we do here is done over the phone and internet service provided by the rural telephone companies.The major phone companies also use rural cooperatives to connect the networks world wide. In saying all this, I hope that the FCC board will truly investigate the decision you all are about to make and what the aftermath will be when it all is said and done.

Sincerly,

Cody Nolen

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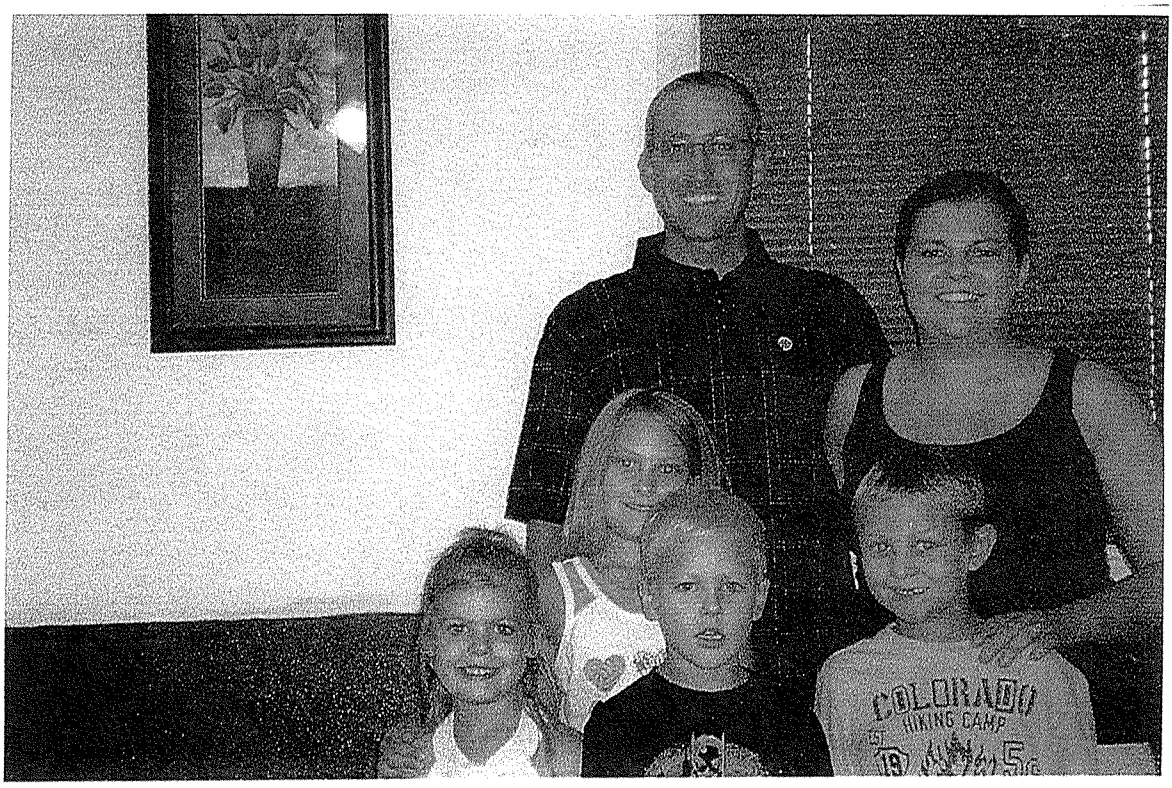

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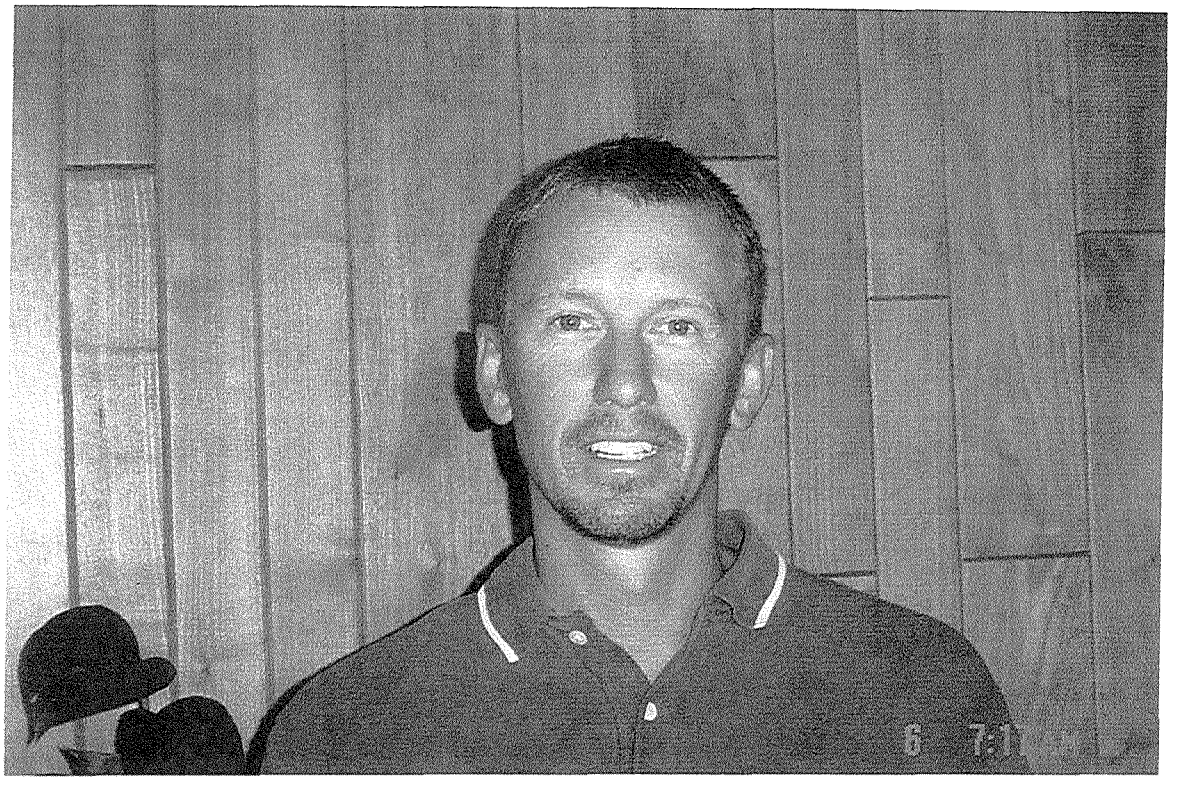
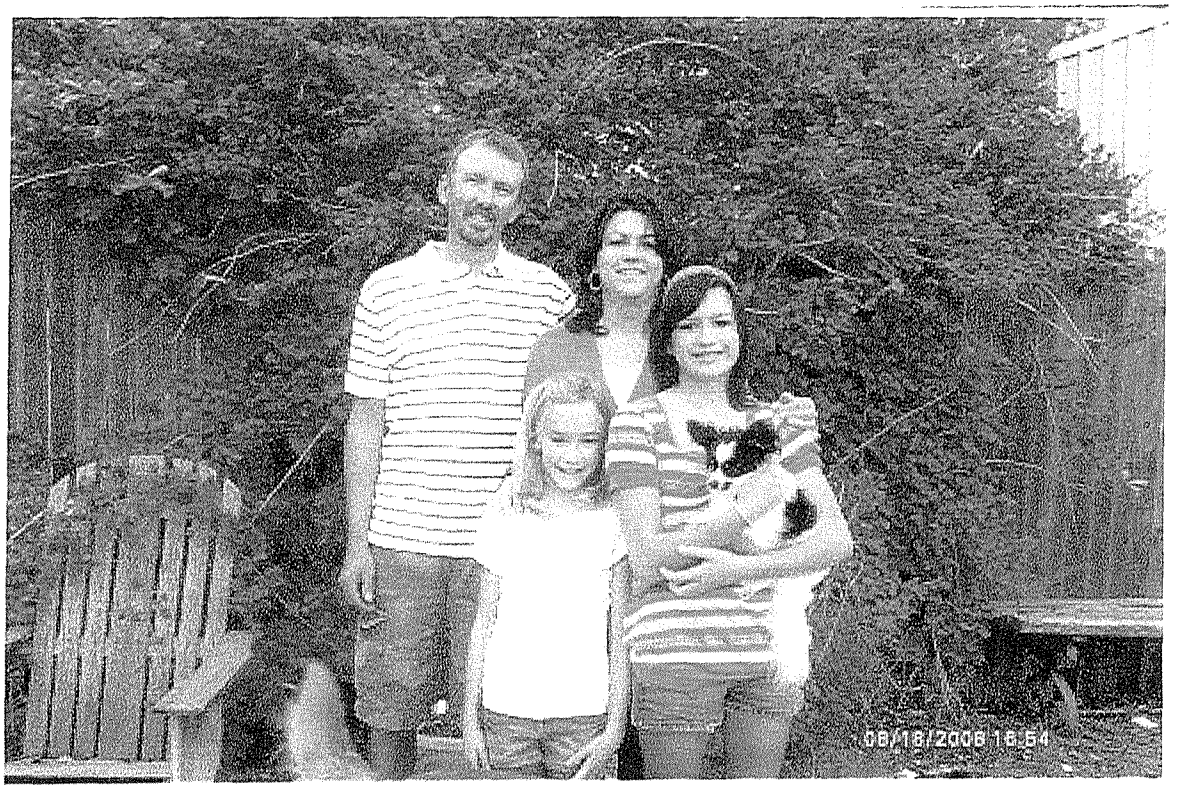
My name is Jay Smith I am 40 years old and I have been an employee of MPRTC for 7 years. My wife Charlotte is 39 and we have been married for 22 years we have 3 daughters; Britanie, Caitlin 17 and Jada 12 and our dog Tiny is 4.

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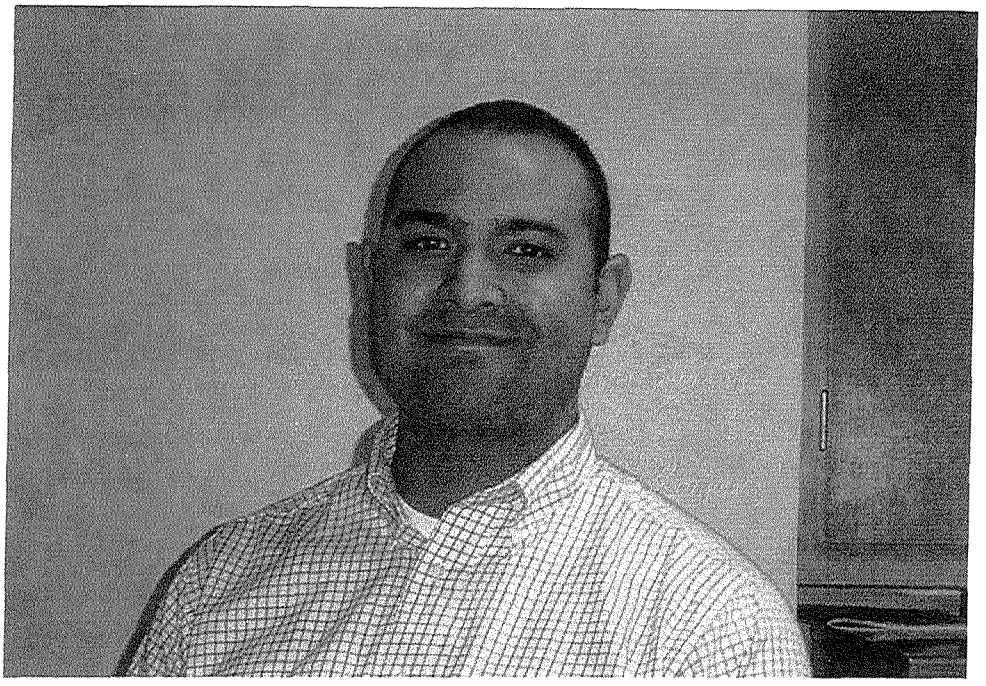
My name is Andrew Vargas and I was born in San Angelo, TX and raised in a small town of Sweetwater TX. I graduated from Texas Tech University and now live in the small community of Hart, TX. I live there with my wife Amy with whom I have been with for 6 ½ years. I have a 8 year old stepson Isaac and a one year old daughter Ella.



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