

?I am strongly against the current proposal. Many individuals are unable to tolerate radiofrequency or the voltage transients and harmonics (power quality issues) that would be caused by the proposed technology. The FCC has a duty to the public to protect the public health and safety from harm from radiofrequency radiation. Any projects moving telephone service from landlines to wireless technology should, at a minimum, be placed on hold until the FCC Docket (ET docket 13-84) looking at the outdated FCC RF limits reaches completion. However, since the FCC does not have the expertise to set biologically-based radiofrequency radiation safety limits, this plan should be placed on hold until the EPA can determine safe limits. Copper-line service carries its own power. Neither U-Verse, cell antennas, nor cell phones do. What of reliability during disasters? This is especially important since smart meters have increased the vulnerability of the electrical grid. Customers in remote areas will be hardest hit. Extending wireless service to them is not a good idea, not only because of the effect of wireless on them, but on wildlife as well. The U.S. Department of the Interior recently issued a letter stating that the radio-frequency emitted by cell phone towers is harming wildlife. Abandoning copper landline phones will leave many people with radiofrequency sickness, electromagnetic hypersensitivity, etc. cut off from the world. Therefore, abandoning landlines is not in compliance with the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act), particularly the 2008 ADA Amendments, which base their disability determination on interference with bodily functions