Comments to FCC on Notice of Inquiry, ET Docket No. 13-84

Request for Biologically Based Health Standards for RF

Statement from Patricia Burke

In 2005, while living in Massachusetts, I moved to an apartment within walking distance of the yoga studio I had directed for almost a decade. Within weeks, I experienced declining health, including headaches, fatigue, poor sleep, poor digestion, tension, and extensive menstrual bleeding. The apartment was on the 3rd floor of a home 2 doors down from a church housing a cellphone antenna.

In 2008, in deteriorating health, I moved to California in hopes that the warmer climate would help me to heal. By the spring of 2010, I was turning off the power in part of my rental home. Eventually, I was camping in the yard because I was receiving electric shocks out of thin air during the night.

In 2010, I returned to MA to be near family, preparing to die.

I continue to tread water in terms of survival, and every day is a challenge.

Since 2008, I have moved 14 times due to radiation-related illness, at considerable expense and financial loss. I am unable to live in reasonably-priced apartment buildings or in thickly settled areas due to the presence of Wi-Fi, cellphone users, cordless phones, and electronic devices which exacerbate my deteriorating condition.

I have an Ivy League education but I am unable to work.

As a professionally trained yoga practitioner, it is obvious to me that humans possess different resiliencies and sensitivities. In that same way that some dogs can detect an incoming thunderstorm, some humans possess a heightened awareness of the EMF spectrum because they register the frequencies on a physical level. To continue to deny that some individuals are being adversely affected to RF, and to expose them to unhealthy frequencies, against their wishes and without accommodation, is a form of genocide.

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I'm Patricia Burke. I'm speaking about civil rights, and health, in favor new FCC guidelines in alignment with the precautionary principle, and recognition of biological impact below the thermal threshold for non-ionizing radiation. I've lived most of my life in Massachusetts. Unfortunately, I lived in Northern California from 2008-2010, and my health was destroyed as the result of smart meter installation. I've moved 16 times in 6 years.

I'm a lightning strike survivor. I was injured while lifeguarding on a beach in Hopkinton.MA in the 1970's. I avoid store security systems, airport scanners, cell towers, and wireless devices.

For me, RF causes a spike in blood pressure, changes in cardiac function, impaired digestion, and a simultaneous sense of feeling overcharged, exhausted, out of rhythm, with urgent thirst. In short, I re-experience the lightning strike response. If the United States examined rather than ignored two thousand health complaints in CA alone, affecting mostly women, the mechanism of injury could have already been addressed regarding the smart meters.

However, my uninformed physician suggested that I eat more fiber, move to Montana, or see a psychiatrist. Because there is no medical coding or recognition of EMF health impacts, there is no data.

Despite the Dept. of Justice questioning how affected individuals will be accommodated back in 2002, the question is no longer whether these affected individuals can buy stamps or serve jury duty. It is whether they have the basic right to live in their own homes, or anywhere. What percentage of the U.S. population should be so marginalized?

This health challenge has been called premature aging syndrome. Many individuals have unwittingly crossed a line to support human experimentation without knowledge or consent. This includes placing (cheap) micro-chipped appliances in homes of low-income families under the guise of weatherization grants in order to test grid technologies. I chose my words carefully. These are not the values of United States residents, who were not consulted, and instead are being subjected to convert installations and upgrades of utility meters. The FCC has the responsibility to draw a line addressing the disregard for human rights, and the rights of all of nature, regarding technologies that have never been proven safe. Thank you.

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Wireless "Revolution" Must Be Supported by
Scientific Proof of Safety for Human Health and the Environment

Until the US takes steps to insure that the conflict between the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Telecom Act of 1996 are resolved, any further action by the FCC to increase the radio frequency exposure of the citizen population is an assault on the human rights codified by the United Nations, including the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

U.S. FCC guidelines are essentially being used as a weapon against the citizen population to justify assault on human health in pursuit of financial gain. The FCC's intent to fuel economic growth and competition, with no independent investigation of health and environmental issues, is inhumane and immoral.

In addition to violations of human rights, the unrelenting consumption of resources to build out infrastructure to fuel the demand for faster, more powerful, more ubiquitous coverage is an assault on the planet's natural resources.

Evidence of harm already exists and has been emerging for decades, including historical documents compiled by Zory Glaser of the US Navy, and the EPA. In addition, other nations recognize harm at levels far lower than the FCC limits.

When these technologies are subsequently accepted as unsafe, (because proof already exists that they are not safe, including the NTP study) further consumption of resources will be required to address safety.

The FCC's vision for the future does not represent progress. It is stupefying that a nation like the US with such an abundance of intellectual and scientific resources could be operating on invalid, outdated, insufficient assumptions regarding radio frequency exposure for so long, while ignoring direct evidence of harm.

I experience pain and torture as the result of inadequate protections for microwave radio frequency exposure. The sustained stress has had a significant impact on my quality of life, and the dis-regulation of my nervous system will most like restrict the length of my life.

As an informed environmentalist I oppose any further expansion of wireless technology in the US until appropriate investigation of health and environmental issues can be conducted in a fully transparent manner, with independent oversight, with binding liability assigned for any health damages, and accommodation under the protections of the ADA.

Thank you,
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