

MT-061298

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Mr. John Crupp, fax (360) 864-4291
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RE: Docket MT-06129

In your Narrative in Support of Settlement, (A. The bush Request for Service), Verizon states there are a number of property parcels, on which no residences are located. There are The State of Washington, The BLM, Kodiak LLC, and new residents next to the Bush property who have two children, three years old, and five years old, that have requested a telephone for safety in case of an emergency. The matter of getting an easement from Kodiak LLC has already been addressed as they have already written an easement in our contract for Utilities and DNR purposes. If there is another legal paper needed, we are not aware of it, but will reply with what is needed. We are NOT attorneys, and must be talked to in People language not attorney language. We will do what ever is required legally.

Now concerning V. LEGAL POINTS THAT BEAR ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT, (A). Verizon states that there is only one family that will benefit from the line extension. This is not true. Sqove RD. starts near Pontiac Ridge Rd., it comes off of Greer Rd and makes approximately a four-mile loop and ends up on Chesaw RD below the Bush property. Over the course of this four mile loop, there are many properties to be developed, some have part time residences, and some are for sale, however, there is a family across the road from the Bush residence that is building a home. It is their permanent residence, and they have applied for a telephone because they have two small children and are concerned about emergency situations. At this point in time, there are three, possibly five, families needing basic phone service for emergency situations. I am a disabled, unemployable veteran with health problems, my daughter is getting married in September so her and her husband will be living up here. They have a business with a need for customers to contact them on the phone, and the new neighbors need a phone for the safety of their children.

There is a concern for the road being hazardous for maintenance on the line, however, we can get large propane tanks delivered and filled up here and they are considered hazardous material. If there is an issue of safety while work is being done on the road, there are two routes in and out. The cost of installing the extension line could be done cheaper by Verizon installing overhead lines instead of a buried cable so there would be no need for rock cutting. Grants for installing this line also reimburse Verizon, so there should be no need to raise rates for other customers.

We applied to Verizon for a phone line approximately in 2003 and they accepted our application with no problem. We had a financial hardship, so we had to wait. When we had the money to finally go ahead with the installation, Verizon said we had to reapply, so we did. Verizon then said we were denied service. I do not understand why one month we qualify for service and the next month we don't when we are only two miles from a phone line.

We are taxpayers, and are charged not only for 911 service which we can not receive, but also charged for acquiring an address for such purposes as establishing a 911 system for county officials in case of emergencies which we can not participate in without a telephone.

If we have to come to a hearing, we will although we can not afford to.

Sincerely Ed Bush

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