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The Honorable Herbert Hilliard
Chairman, Tennessee Regulatory Authority
4th Floor, Andrew Jackson Building
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Chairman Hilliard,

I am writing on behalf of concerned citizens in Cumberland County regarding Docket No. 12-00077 and the petition to adopt the proposed settlement agreement which is scheduled for consideration on the August 17, 2015 agenda.

I recognize that this is a complicated matter that has been going on for a number of years now, but my constituents, local government, and I are particularly concerned about provision(s) in the proposed settlement agreement that would effectively preclude the use of the water tower for any service that did not involve water utility purposes.

At one time, the water tower at issue was utilized by the county to provide emergency services through an antenna that was located at or near the top of the tower. It is one of the highest points in the county which makes it an ideal location for making sure our emergency communications operate efficiently and effectively. If this provision is approved as part of the settlement agreement, the county would not be able to utilize what is possibly the highest and best option for optimal emergency communications.

Public safety is critically important to the lives and well-being of Cumberland County residents and our neighbors and I encourage the panel for which this matter is before, to explore every possible means to ensure Cumberland County has the opportunity to place an emergency antenna upon the water tower in the near future.

I do appreciate your time and consideration of my constituents' concerns.

Sincerely,

Representative Cameron Sexton