

Agenda for National Conference Call
Friday, June 3, 2022
1:00pm-2:45pm EST

1:00 - 1:02	Hello's
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1:03 – 1:05

Updates on Hearings and Comments and News (see below the agenda for details): Odette Wilkens

- May 24, 2022 on 5 communications and tech bills; hearing entitled “Strengthening our Communications networks: Legislation to Connect and Protect” <https://energycommerce.house.gov/newsroom/press-releases/ec-announces-legislative-hearing-on-communications-bills-to-connect-and>
- May 25, 2022: Submission on CEJST Beta Version – for Council on Environmental Quality; Submission to White House Environmental Advisory Council (federal disaster preparedness and relief and community resilience) <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/02/23/2022-03920/climate-and-economic-justice-screening-tool-beta-version>
- June 9, 2022: FCC’s Technical Advisory Council (TAC) meeting on “6G, artificial intelligence, advanced spectrum sharing technologies, and emerging wireless technologies, including new tools to restore Internet access during shutdowns and other disruptions.” See: <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-22-456A1.pdf> and <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-22-455A1.pdf>
- June 27, 2022: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Requests Public Comment on Draft Guidance for 5G Cybersecurity; see <https://www.nist.gov/news-events/news/2022/04/nist-requests-public-comment-draft-guidance-5g-cybersecurity>

Comments for Disability Council - forthcoming

FCC: <https://www.fcc.gov/equity>

Equity Action Plan

Executive Order 13985 – Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government

Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments Nursing Textbook, Catherine Dodd, PhD, RN and Theodora Scarato, MSW and Exec Dir, EHT

<https://ehtrust.org/alliance-of-nurses-for-healthy-environments-nursing-textbook-includes-a-chapter-on-cell-phone-radiation-and-electromagnetic-fields/>

1:06 – 1:08	<p>For consideration, Gigi Sohn as an FCC Commissioner. States to focus on are Alaska, Arizona, Nevada, Montana, Colorado, Maine and West Virginia. US Senators, etc, to focus on (see below for further details):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cortez - Matso - Nevada • Kelly - Arizona • McCrowski - Alaska • Collins – Maine <p>See article: https://prospect.org/politics/heidi-heitkamp-lobbies-against-a-democratic-fcc/?utm_source=sendgrid&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletters&mc_cid=9bc12f11ce&mc_eid=2efb1d5818</p>
1:09 – 1:18	Update on Pittsfield, MA (and video montage) – Courtney Gilardi
1:19 – 1:21	Q&A
1:22 – 1:31	Update on Moira Hahn’s case against AT&T cell tower in Long Beach, CA
1:32 – 1:34	Q&A
1:35 – 1:50	Case of Verizon cell tower in North Carolina – Andy Hinson
1:51 – 1:53	Q&A
1:54 – 2:01	New Hampshire Bill – Kent Chamberlin
2:02 – 2:04	Q&A
2:05 – 2:14	Deborah Kopald – Smart Meter Case, NYS
2:15 – 2:17	Q&A
2:18 – 2:27	Mary Bauer VA4ST – Smart Meter Project

2:28 – 2:30	Q&A
2:30 – 2:36	HUD Discrimination against the EMS Community - Eva Bortnick
2:37 – 2:41	Update from the U.K.
2:42 – 2:44	Open discussion and presentations from the floor on federal/state/local campaigns
2:45	Closing remarks; next steps

Message regarding Andy Hinson and his mom, in Stanly County, NC.

Dear Friends,

I thought you might be interested in supporting this GoFundMe, <https://gofund.me/30639497>.

Even a small donation could help Andy Hinson reach their fundraising goal. And if you can't make a donation, it would be great if you could share the fundraiser to help spread the word. I have been working on this case with Andy Hinson in North Carolina for months. We set it up so an attorney can go for an injunction against Verizon to stop the tower from being activated by June 6. We had to put Verizon on legal notice and then give them 30 days. The response, rather than relocating the tower which is indeed going to take Andy's mother's life due to her fragile health (supported by physicians letters), was to come in and start cutting down trees to build a road and pour concrete for the platform for this 199-foot tower 800 feet from the Hinson home.

Thank you so for taking a look which you can access on the link at the beginning of paragraph.

Andy is a 43-year-old factory worker who has galvanized more support from around the globe than any individual I have ever seen. He deserves our help. What is happening is going to be happening to every single one of us in the form of one tower or another unless we collectively speak up and fight back. Mrs. Hinson is refusing to leave a property that has been in the Hinson family going back to the Civil War because she promised her husband and her father-in-law she would maintain the property for her sons – the 6th generation of Hinson's. Her husband's ashes are scattered on this property and she she will die before she leaves. Let's change the conversation, shall we? Every \$5 dollars will help. Thank you so much!

Please share widely. Andy needs your help.

A heartfelt thank you from me.

Susan

Article on AT&T Cell Tower Installation in Long Beach, CA

<https://2urbangirls.com/2022-05-letter-to-the-editor-long-beach-5g-tower-could-be-in-violation-of-ceqa/>

Dear Editor,

The City of Long Beach's Decision in favor of the AT&T Cell Tower Installation 25' from Moira Hahn and Mark Hotchkiss' house violates the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

- The City failed to establish that this installation fits the requirements of a categorical exemption within the intent of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- The City failed to consider cumulative impacts of the one thousand pending cell tower installations, as CEQA law section 15300.2 requires cumulative impacts to be taken into consideration.
- The City failed to consider the particular circumstances of a cell tower at this location.
- The City has falsely asserted that a Cell Tower is the same thing as a Streetlight, thereby avoiding an Environmental Review as required by CEQA.

CEQA allows for a categorical exemption when infrastructure is replaced with like infrastructure. To quote from the city (CE-19-013) as it quotes from the state's CEQA guidelines:

exemptions "consist of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced ... "

Replacing a streetlight with a cell tower no longer has the same purpose and capacity as had the original streetlight, and it certainly creates new environmental impacts. We contend that that exemption would not apply to the project, as the purpose of the cell tower is substantially different from the existing street light. CEQA therefore requires an environmental review be performed for any installation of a new cell tower.

The City Failed to Address the Project's Cumulative Impacts

The City failed to consider cumulative impacts when it issued a Notice of Exemption ("NOE") approving wide scale, unlimited installation of 5G cell towers, numbering (according to the City,

at Hahn's hearing) at least a thousand towers through out the entire City. There will be cumulative impacts through all of the cabling and excavation required for the new cell towers, as well as through the increase in residents' close range exposure to electromagnetic radiation., which has been scientifically proven to be potentially carcinogenic and to cause many other negative impacts.

Specific Circumstances Preclude the Application of an Exemption

Even if the City had established that an exemption applies, specific circumstances and a significant impact associated with the installation at this specific location create an exception to the exemption. Hahn has a specific medical issue which most people do not have, as documented by her physician. Therefore, the physical impact of the proposed installation at this specific location will create a significant impact that creates an exception to the categorical exemption relied upon by the City.

We have an opportunity to present our arguments again, this time before the Long Beach City Council, as required by CEQA. A date has not been provided yet. We will keep 2UrbanGirls informed.

Sincerely,

Mark Hotchkiss and Moira Hahn

Moira Hahn's statement:

Long Beach California residents Moira Hahn and Mark Hotchkiss recently argued, in their appeal of an AT&T cell tower, that the city of Long Beach improperly claimed a 'Categorical Exemption' in order to avoid an environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

CEQA states that the requirements for a categorical exemption are replacing a 'structure with a like structure' that performs the same function.

Replacing a street light with a cell tower adds a function that would cause environmental impacts.

While Hahn/Hotchkiss' appeal was denied, their attorney informed the city that the CEQA aspect of their case must be heard, by law, by the city's 'lead agency', which in this case will be the Long Beach City Council. They are waiting for their public hearing date.

