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Subject: Support for Project Name "U2023-0005 - Telespan Communications" Cell Tower Proposal

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Melissa Beach; my husband is David Beach and we own 14640 Cypress Point Road, Manchester CA 95459. We have owned this second home since 3/13/18 as a popular vacation rental home with our added enjoyment through 2023 and now enjoy it ourselves every month as our personal vacation home. Our plan is to live there soon full time as retirement nears. Our past guests and we have continued to have little to no phone reception whatsoever for all these years. Our local postal carrier sadly died this year delivering mail in Irish Beach—I do not know personally if he tried to call for help and was unable to due to lack of cell service-but I was told by all neighbors that the ambulance/helicopter did not reach him in time to save him. We were out walking the neighborhood at the time and saw most of this sadly.

We have had many conversations with neighbors and those along the coast to the Manchester post office, grocery/hardware store, school etc. and our cell reception continues to be a huge challenge in all ways. Trying to conduct business, reach out for help, contacting local vendors or repair persons, to check on elderly neighbors not to mention emergency situations with our health, wild animals or dangerous road conditions/closures, etc. is virtually null and void. We are not able to conductively operate or function at all because of our extremely unreliable cell phone service in this area of Highway 1. Dependable cell phone coverage is not only handy; it is crucial for ensuring the safety and welfare of our residents and visitors especially along our isolated area of Highway 1 in the Irish Beach/Manchester area.

We strongly ask the Commission to approve this project, as it will greatly improve our community's quality of life, GREATLY improve emergency response capabilities, and provide much-needed connectivity and sense of comfort in our long underserved Irish Beach/Manchester CA community.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent issue. Your approval and support for this project is greatly appreciated.

Yours Truly,

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