

1 UNKNOWN: Hard act to follow.

2 LAWRENCE: Yea, who wants to follow that one.

3 SHEEHAN: I guess Monnie Barrett wants to testify on the 8th so if
4 Monnie, if you're here if you could sign up on the 8th then assuming we move it
5 till then and I assume we will. Wendy Hesse. H-e-s-s-e.

6 TUTHILL: I think she's coming in from the back.

7 SHEEHAN: Is she? Okay. Craig Brown or Brawn. Didn't he
8 already testify?

9 AUDIENCE: Yes.

10 SHEEHAN: And then Marcia Hall. Can't be here. Okay I guess
11 she's not going to testify. David Booth? Wendy?

12 HESSE: Hi, I'm Wendy Hesse from 597 Blue Jay Drive here in
13 Golden and I'm sorry I have to follow that last testimony. Anyway..

14 SHEEHAN: That's okay, you just have to be more entertaining.

15 HESSE: I think I'm going to be more of a downer. Anyway, I
16 live in Stonebridge at Eagle Ridge. My neighborhood is directly southeast of the
17 Lookout Mountain towers. I've been a Golden resident for a little over four
18 years. I've lived...

19 SHEEHAN: And you're at 597 Blue Jay Drive right?

20 HESSE: Right. And I've lived under the towers for
21 approximately four years but knew nothing about the potential negative health
22 effects until recently. I have a five year old healthy daughter who was born in
23 Birmingham, Alabama and she is enrolled to start kindergarten at Shelton

1 Elementary in the fall. Last year I gave birth to a son who was born with two
2 unexplained birth defects. After spending my entire pregnancy in Beverly
3 Heights, the neighborhood at the base of Lookout Mountain, one birth defect
4 was uncovered in my 20 week ultrasound and I was devastated. Eight days
5 after he was born I drove my family to Iowa City, Iowa to have one of his birth
6 defects corrected and spent approximately one month at the Ronald McDonald
7 House with me and my infant son. And his Doctor proceeded to apply a series
8 of five corrective casts from his toes to his upper thighs. I had never heard of
9 club foot until 20 week ultrasound because it's not in my family as club foot
10 usually is and after my son was born instead of having tears of joy, I asked my
11 husband if my son's feet were going to be all right. Not only did he have severe
12 club foot but he had another issue that would need to be surgically corrected at
13 six months. Again a birth defect that is genetic, well usually genetic. I'm fairly
14 active, a healthy eater, a non-smoker and took every precaution during my
15 pregnancy naturally ruling out the usual causes of birth defects, the only
16 answers the doctors could give me that these could be related to environmental
17 issues. A few months ago before closing on our new house in Stonebridge, a
18 neighbor made me aware of the possible health effects of the Lookout Mountain
19 towers. I would have never thought anything more about the towers besides the
20 eyesore they are for our beautiful mountains until we spoke. I started looking
21 into the possible health effects of EMS and birth defects and it finally rang a bell
22 that they could possibly be the cause of my son's birth defects. I am not a
23 doctor nor a health expert and my son's issues could be a total consequence,

1 I'm willing to accept that the defects may never be explained, but it's also
2 interesting that after my son was born my neighbor directly across the street
3 from me was diagnosed with a brain tumor. After talking to other neighbors, we
4 found recurring stories of miscarriage, infertility, cancer and birth defects. So if
5 these are prevalent health issues, are they just a coincidence? Will we ever
6 know? Should we the citizens of Jefferson County have to bear the burden of
7 proof when it's our health and our children's health at stake? Shouldn't we be
8 more conclusive about these so called coincidences before the citizens of
9 Jefferson County are subjected to more radiation because of the super tower?
10 I'm begging you Commissioners, Lawrence, Holloway and Sheehan, please
11 consider our children, adults, the residents of Jefferson County while making
12 your decision. Should we be the guinea pigs of these towers health effects? If
13 the super tower passes, I'm planning on moving my family as far away from
14 Jefferson County as possible and in the meantime we plan a petition for the
15 reduction of our property taxes if the super towers should pass. I have loved
16 living in Golden for the past four years, but it's not worth hurting my kids. My
17 son wears special orthopedic shoes attached with a bar 12 hours every night to
18 insure his feet won't digress. If it were your child wearing the brace every night
19 and your neighbor who just had surgery to remove a brain cancer, would you
20 still vote yes to the super tower? Shouldn't we be more certain about the
21 possible health risks of these towers before we proceed? If there's an
22 alternative site to the location that won't impact thousands of citizens, doesn't
23 this sound more reasonable? For the benefit of anyone willing to have children

1 in Jefferson County without a birth defect, I urge you to consider the health
2 effects of our local residents and peace of mind of our citizens versus high
3 definition TV. Please just think about it. Must we take a risk with human lives
4 when other alternatives exist? Thank you.

5 SHEEHAN: Thank you Wendy.

6 HESSE: Any questions.

7 SHEEHAN: Certainly the Board extends our deepest sympathy to
8 your situation.

9 HESSE: Thank you.

10 SHEEHAN: I don't think we have any questions. Okay, David
11 Booth. No David Booth. Okay, Tina Alcola. Tina Alcola. Lili Shelton I guess
12 wants to wait till the 8th and Lili if you're here if you could sign up then. Jane, I
13 think it's Pollock. Jane? Elizabeth Tisdale again. Margaret
14 Brown.

15 BROWN: I'm here.

16 SHEEHAN: Wesley Felteau? Colleen Wilkinson?

17 BROWN: Margaret Brown, B-r-o-w-n. I live at 19051 Eagle
18 Ridge Drive.

19 SHEEHAN: And please put that microphone right next to your
20 mouth since you're a soft spoken person.

21 BROWN: I live at 19051 Eagle Ridge Drive also in the
22 Stonebridge Community and I don't have much new to add to all the testimony
23 about the health risks, but what I do want to add is that we actually presented in