

From: Pauline Medland [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 April 2016 12:40
To: Brechfa Connection
Subject: Deadline 8 response to Mr Broderick from Pauline Medland ref.BFC-AFP113 Your ref. EN020016

Dear Mr Broderick,

In reply to your letter of 30th March and your question to Mrs Rentmore re.any published record where wooden overhead line poles have been shown to interrupt the pathway connecting any water supply with its source. This question is so specific that published evidence is probably unavailable. On the 29th January Mr Whittingham, hydrologist to WPD visited my PWS with Mr Buxton and Jason Pacey. When we were at the site of one of my springs I asked Mr Whittingham if installing a pole in close proximity to the spring would cause the spring to move. He replied that it was possible, but he couldn't say for certain. As I haven't had a report or even any notes taken at the time (as none were taken,)by Mr Whittingham, I am unable to give you written evidence that he said this (my daughter witnessed this statement), however the fact that two hydrologists have stated that it is possible should alert everyone concerned that there is a risk. We would like steps be taken by WPD to mitigate the risk in any way possible and if the worst happens in that the flow is diminished or ceases, WPD should pay for monitoring and/or finding another springwater supply. They have offered to work with us to ascertain another supply, but have not offered to pay the cost which could be considerable. We request that you ask Mr Whittingham for a written statement of his professional unbiased opinion as a hydrologist, having now viewed both our and Mr and Mrs Rentmore's water supplies. It should not in our opinion be up to landowners to provide evidence that it will happen but it should be up to WPD to provide evidence that it will not happen. Equally, their statement that the sleeves they intend to put around the poles to protect our water from leached creosote have lasted six years should be evidenced. When I produced a letter from Hefin Thomas about leaching of creosote via rainwater on his property you said to me that this was 'hearsay'. Therefore surely WPD's statement should also be classified as 'hearsay' if they cannot provide evidence. Where is the manufacturer's information on these sleeves? Surely WPD are in a position to produce this? The manufacturer could normally be expected to provide a period of time that their product lasts for. Can WPD provide evidence where this sleeve that lasted so far for six years was extracted from as there is only one sleeve that I and my land agent know that they used six years ago, and that is the one they used at the property of Hefin Thomas of Rhos Wen, Alltwalis, and that is still in situ and cannot be inspected unless taken out of the ground.

I hope you will ask for this evidence as I feel it is fair that WPD are in a better position than landowners and pensioners such as myself to provide it, and they are being paid to do it, which I am not.

Thank you for your kind attention,

Pauline Medland