

Closing Statement

It is strikingly clear to us that Canada is in desperate need of a Corporate Manslaughter Act. The UK enacted one in 2007. It came into force in April, 2008. It made public and private corporations, as well as agents of these corporation, criminally responsible for actions that result in a person's death. The Act, and offence, also applies to Crown bodies.

With such an act in place here in Canada, there would be no need to have written this petition.

It is particularly offensive to us that the telecommunications industry appears to have such an influence over governmental departments that it can deleteriously impact the public weal. It has led to the bizarre situation in which the citizens of Canada are forced to act as guinea pigs testing potentially harmful telecommunications technology.

But this was to be expected when Canada allowed the telecommunications industry to introduce its products before any testing was done to prove them safe. Now it is up to the Public, by epidemiological studies showing their tumours, lesions, heart problems, sleep disorders, childhood leukemia, and cancers, to prove them unsafe.

Easy enough, you might think, if the evidence is that clear. Ah, but what matter clarity when it is industry, abetted by their Faustian enablers within Health Canada and Industry Canada, that has the final say. Not for nothing comes the proverb: "He who pays the piper, calls the tune."

And to prove the faith that industry has placed in them has not been misapplied, Health Canada and Industry Canada have now gone so far as to improvise on a theme made infamous in Orwell's classic, 1984. Every schoolboy remembers "War is Peace" and "Slavery is Freedom". But they'll never place: "Cost is Harm" "Risk Management is the Precautionary Principle" and "Precautionary Avoidance is Living Under Transmission Towers."

Ah, yes, indeed, it is a brave new world today. But will we be around to enjoy tomorrow?