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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of:

THE AMENDED APPLICATION OF EAST KENTUCKY )  
NETWORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FOR THE )  
ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC ) CASE No. 2014-00022  
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A )  
TOWER IN HARLAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY).

East Kentucky Network, LLC, d/b/a Appalachian Wireless, was granted authorization to provide Personal Communications Service ("PCS") in the Middlesboro-Harlan, KY Basic Trading Area (BTA295) by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). FCC license is included as Exhibit 1. East Kentucky Network, LLC merger documents were filed with the Commission on February 2, 2001 in Case # 2001-022. East Kentucky Network, LLC is a Kentucky Limited Liability Company that was organized on June 16, 1998. East Kentucky Network, LLC is in good standing with the state of Kentucky.

In an effort to improve service in Harlan County, East Kentucky Network, LLC pursuant to KRS 278.020 Subsection 1 and 807 KAR 5:001 Section 9 is seeking the Commission's approval to construct a 300 foot self-supporting tower on a tract of land located near 4044 West Kentucky Highway 72, Harlan, Harlan County, Kentucky (36°48'21.89"N 83°19'37.10"W). A map and detailed directions to the site can be found in Exhibit 8.

Exhibit 2 is a list of all Property owners or residents according to the property valuation administrator's record who reside or own property within 500 feet of the proposed tower in accordance with the Public Valuation Administrator. No other properties are contiguous with East Kentucky Network's property.

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:063 Section 1 (1)(L) and Section 1(1)(n)(1) all affected property owners according to the property valuation administrator's record who reside or own property

within 500 feet of the proposed Tower were notified by certified mail return receipt requested of East Kentucky Network, LLC's proposed construction and informed of their right to intervene. They were given the docket number under which this application is filed. Enclosed in Exhibit 2 is a copy of that notification.

Harlan County has no formal local planning unit. In absence of this unit the Harlan County Judge Executive's office was notified by certified mail, return receipt requested of East Kentucky Network Limited Liability Company's proposal and informed of their right to intervene. They were given the docket number under which this application is filed. Enclosed in Exhibit 3 is a copy of that notification.

Notice of the location of the proposed construction has been published in the Harlan Daily Enterprises's February 25, 2014 edition. Enclosed is a copy of that notice in Exhibit 3. The Harlan Daily Enterprise is the newspaper with the largest circulation in Harlan County.

A geologist was employed to determine soil and rock types and to ascertain the distance to solid bedrock. The geotechnical report is enclosed as Exhibit 4.

A copy of the tower design information is enclosed as Exhibit 5. The proposed tower has been designed by engineers at Tower Innovations and will be constructed under their supervision. Their qualifications are evidenced in Exhibit 5 by the seal and signature of the registered professional engineer responsible for this project.

The tower will be erected by S & S Tower Services of St. Albans, West Virginia. S & S Tower Services has vast experience in the erection of communications towers.

FAA and Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission's applications are included as Exhibit 6.

No Federal Communications Commission approval is required prior to construction of this facility. Once service is established from this tower we must immediately notify the Federal Communications Commission of its operation. Prior approval is needed only if the proposed

facility increases the size of the cellular geographic service area. This cell site will not expand the cellular geographic service area.

East Kentucky Network, LLC will finance the subject construction with earned surplus in its General Fund.

Estimated Cost of Construction	\$ 350,000.00
Annual Operation Expense of Tower	\$ 12,500.00

Two notice signs meeting the requirements prescribed by 807 KAR 5:063, Section 1(2), measuring at least two (2) feet in height and four (4) feet in width and containing all required language in letters of required height, have been posted, one at a visible location on the proposed site and one on the nearest public road. The two signs were posted on February 5, 2014 and will remain posted for at least two weeks after filing of this application as specified.

Enclosed in Exhibit 9 is a copy of East Kentucky Network LLC's lease agreement with lot description to the site.

The proposed construction site is on a very rugged mountaintop some feet from the nearest structure. Prior to construction the site was wooded.

Due to the steep hillside surrounding the proposed site, the property in close proximity is unsuitable for any type of development. East Kentucky Network LLC's operation will not affect the use of nearby land nor its value. No more suitable site exists in the area. A copy of the search area map is enclosed in Exhibit 8. No other tower capable of supporting East Kentucky Network LLC's load exists in the general area; therefore, there is no opportunity for co-location of our facilities with anyone else.

Enclosed, and filed as Exhibit 10 is a survey of the proposed tower site signed by a Kentucky registered professional engineer.

Exhibit 12 contains a vertical sketch of the tower supplied by Coleman Engineering.

**WHEREFORE**, Applicant respectfully requests that the PSC accept the foregoing Application for filing, and having met the requirements of KRS [278.020(1), 278.650, and 278.665] and all applicable rules and regulations of the PSC, grant a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate the proposed tower.

The foregoing document was prepared by Lynn Haney, Regulatory Compliance Director for East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless. All related questions or correspondence concerning this filing should be mailed to East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless, 101 Technology Trail, Ivel, KY 41642.

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