

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF THE SOUTHERN OHIO TELEPHONE )  
COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT FACILITIES IN KENTON, ) CASE NO. 90-397  
KENTUCKY )

O R D E R

On November 26, 1990, Southern Ohio Telephone Company ("SOTCo") filed an application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate an additional radio telecommunications antenna tower in the City of Edgewood, Kenton County, Kentucky.

The proposed cell facility is designed to improve SOTCo's existing service. The proposed facility consists of a 200 foot antenna tower to be located at approximately 1,170 feet Southeast of St. Elizabeth Hospital in Edgewood, Kentucky, on a property leased from the hospital.

The only structure within 500 feet of the cell site is a laundry facility, partially owned by St. Elizabeth Hospital. SOTCo provided notice of the proposed tower site location to both the hospital and laundry facility. The notice which was delivered by certified mail on November 19, 1990 solicited comments. No comments have been received.

SOTCo also provided information regarding the structure of the tower, safety measures, and antenna design criteria. The tower design conforms to all standard engineering codes. The tower should withstand high winds, tornadoes, and earthquakes. Should the tower start to fall, the tower will bend along its length and fold upon itself rather than falling in the direction of any building within its radius.

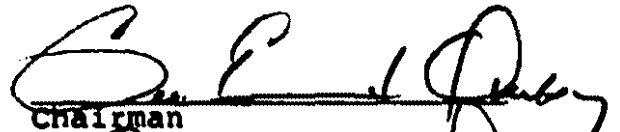
Pursuant to KRS 100.324(1), the proposed cell site construction is exempt from local zoning ordinances. However, SOTCo has notified the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission of its proposed construction and received a response on October 17, 1990 confirming the exemption.

The Federal Communications Commission has already granted SOTCo authority to operate. On September 26, 1990, SOTCo filed an application with the Federal Aviation Administration seeking its approval for the proposed tower site. The application was approved on November 1, 1990.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, **HEREBY ORDERS** that SOTCo shall be granted authority to construct a 200 foot cellular radio telecommunications antenna tower at approximately 1,170 feet Southeast of St. Elizabeth Hospital in Edgewood, Kenton County, Kentucky.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 8th day of January, 1991.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director