

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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| APPLICATION OF CENTRAL KENTUCKY |) | |
| CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR ISSUANCE |) | |
| OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE |) | |
| AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT AN |) | CASE NO. 93-195 |
| ADDITIONAL CELL FACILITY IN THE |) | |
| LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY METROPOLITAN |) | |
| STATISTICAL AREA (SIMPSONVILLE CELL |) | |
| FACILITY) |) | |

O R D E R

On May 27, 1993, Central Kentucky Cellular Telephone Company ("Central Kentucky Cellular") filed an application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a cellular radio telecommunications antenna tower to serve the Louisville Metropolitan Statistical Area ("Louisville MSA"). The Louisville MSA includes Bullitt, Jefferson, and Oldham counties in Kentucky. Central Kentucky Cellular has requested authorization to construct a cell site in Shelby County, Kentucky. Central Kentucky Cellular was previously granted authority to operate a cellular radio telecommunications system in the Louisville MSA in Case No. 10169.¹ By Order dated December 14, 1992 in Case No.

¹ Case No. 10169, The Application of Louisville Cellular Telephone Company, Bluegrass Cellular Telephone Partners and Central Kentucky Cellular Telephone Company for Approval of the Transfer of Ownership and Control of the Public Service Businesses of Louisville Cellular Telephone Company and Bluegrass Cellular Telephone Partners to Central Kentucky Cellular Telephone Company.

92-463,² the Commission approved the reorganization of Contel Cellular, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries. Included in the reorganization was the transfer of all Central Kentucky Cellular assets to Contel Cellular of Louisville, Inc., which then changed its name to Contel Cellular of Kentucky, Inc. ("Contel Cellular"). The reorganization was completed on December 31, 1992.

The proposed cell site consists of a guyed antenna tower with attached antennas, not to exceed 300 feet in height, to be located at Route 3, Brunerstown Road, Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky ("the Simpsonville cell site"). The coordinates for the Simpsonville cell site are North Latitude 38° 12' 3.25" by West Longitude 85° 19' 18.84".

Contel Cellular has provided information regarding the structure of the tower, safety measures, and antenna design criteria for the Simpsonville cell site. Based upon the application, the design of the tower and foundation appears to meet the criteria of the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. National Building Code with reference to earthquakes, winds, and tornadoes.

Pursuant to KRS 100.324(1), the Simpsonville cell site's construction is exempt from local zoning ordinances. However, Contel Cellular has notified the Shelby County Planning Commission

² Case No. 92-463, Reorganization of Contel Cellular of Louisville, Inc., Central Kentucky Cellular Telephone Company, Louisville Cellular Telephone Company, Bluegrass Cellular Telephone Company, Contel Cellular of Louisville II, Inc., Contel Cellular of Lexington, Inc., Cumberland Cellular Telephone Company Inc., Contel Cellular of Kentucky, Inc. and Contel Cellular of Kentucky B, Inc.

of the proposed construction. Contel Cellular has filed applications with the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") and the Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission ("KAZC") seeking approval for the construction and operation of the Simpsonville cell site. The FAA application has been approved, and the KAZC decision is pending. Application to the Federal Communications Commission is not required for the proposed cell site.

Except for the seller of the property for the cell site, there are no property owners and/or residents within 500 feet of the Simpsonville cell site. The seller of the property has been notified of the proposed construction, and no comments have been received by the Commission.

Pursuant to KRS 278.280, the Commission is required to determine the proper practices to be observed when it finds, upon complaint or on its own motion, that the facilities of any utility subject to its jurisdiction are unreasonable, unsafe, improper, or insufficient. To assist the Commission in its efforts to comply with this mandate, Contel Cellular should notify the Commission if it does not use this antenna tower to provide cellular telecommunications services in the manner set out in its application and this Order. Upon receipt of such notice, the Commission may, on its own motion, institute proceedings to consider the proper practices, including removal of the unused antenna tower, which should be observed by Contel Cellular.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that Contel Cellular

should be granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate the Simpsonville cell site under its currently approved tariff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

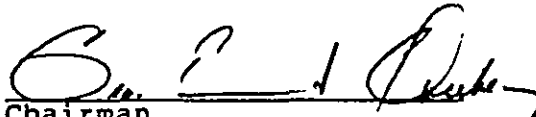
1. Contel Cellular be and it hereby is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate the Simpsonville cell site.

2. Contel Cellular shall file a copy of the final decision regarding its pending KAZC application for this cell site construction within 10 days of receiving this decision.

3. Contel Cellular shall immediately notify the Commission in writing, if, after the antenna tower is built and utility service is commenced, the tower is not used for a period of 3 months in the manner authorized by this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28th day of July, 1993.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director