

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY RSA #11, INC. FOR A	)	
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY	)	CASE NO.
TO CONSTRUCT A CELL SITE OFF KY. HIGHWAY 2423,	)	95-299
APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF MILE WEST OF BARBOURVILLE,	)	
KNOX COUNTY, KENTUCKY	)	

O R D E R

On July 27, 1995, Kentucky RSA #11, Inc. filed an application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to build and operate a cellular radio telecommunications system for Rural Service Area No. 11 ("RSA No. 11"). RSA No. 11 includes Bell, Clay, Harlan, Knox, Leslie, and Whitley counties. Kentucky RSA #11, Inc. has requested authorization to construct a cell site in Knox County. Kentucky RSA #11, Inc. was previously granted authority to operate a cellular radio telecommunications system in RSA No. 11 in Case No. 94-398.<sup>1</sup>

The proposed cell site consists of a 180-foot or less self-supporting antenna tower to be located off Kentucky Highway 2423,

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 94-398, The Joint Application of Telephone and Data Systems, Inc., an Iowa Corporation, United States Cellular Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, and First Kentucky Cellular Corp., a Delaware Corporation for Approval of (1) the Merger of First Kentucky Cellular Corp. and a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Telephone and Data Systems, Inc., with First Kentucky Cellular Corp. the Surviving Entity, and the Transfer of First Kentucky Cellular Corporation, and (2) for Approval of a Tariff Describing Conditions of Service to be Provided by First Kentucky Cellular Corp. Following Consummation of the Acquisition of First Kentucky Cellular Corp. (First Kentucky Cellular Corp. was renamed Kentucky RSA #11, Inc., Subsequent to the Acquisition.)

approximately one-half mile west of Barbourville, Knox County, Kentucky ("the Barbourville cell site"). The coordinates for the Barbourville cell site are North Latitude 36° 51' 59" by West Longitude 83° 53' 58.9".

Kentucky RSA #11, Inc. has provided information regarding the structure of the tower, safety measures, and antenna design criteria for the Barbourville 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 Barbourville cell site's construction is exempt from local zoning ordinances; however, Kentucky RSA #11, Inc. notified the Knox County Judge/Executive of the pending construction. Kentucky RSA #11, Inc. has filed applications with and received approvals from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission for the construction and operation of the Barbourville cell site.

Kentucky RSA #11, Inc. has filed notices verifying that each person who owns property or who resides within 500 feet of the Barbourville cell site has been notified of the pending construction. The notice solicited any comments and informed the property owners or residents of their right to intervene. In addition, notice was posted in a visible location on the proposed site for at least two weeks after Kentucky RSA #11, Inc.'s

application was filed. To date, no intervention requests have been received.

Pursuant to KRS 278.280, the Commission is required to determine 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, Kentucky RSA #11, Inc. should notify the Commission if it does not use this antenna tower to provide cellular radio 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 Kentucky RSA #11, Inc.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that Kentucky RSA #11, Inc. should be granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate the Barbourville cell site in RSA No. 11 under its previously approved tariff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Kentucky RSA #11, Inc. be and it hereby is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate the Barbourville cell site.
2. Kentucky RSA #11, Inc. 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 31st day of August, 1995.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director