COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF WIRELESSCO, L.P. THROUGH ITS AGENT AND GENERAL PARTNER, SPRINT SPECTRUM, L.P. FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A PERSONAL COMMUNICATION SERVICES FACILITY IN THE LOUISVILLE MAJOR TRADING AREA [MOUNTCLAIR PCS FACILITY LV03XC086B1]

CASE NO. 96-228

<u>ORDER</u>

On September 6, 1996, WirelessCo, L.P. ("WirelessCo") was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 250' self-supporting antenna tower at 1306 Buck Creek Road in Shelby County, Kentucky. The Order was based, inter alia, upon a finding that WirelessCo had notified each person who owns property or who resides within 500 feet of the site of the proposed construction. In making this finding, the Commission relied upon WirelessCo's statements in its July 5, 1996 application and in its statement filed August 29, 1996. The certificate was issued without hearing and without controversy in part because no intervention requests were filed.

On October 3, 1996, the Commission received, by facsimile, a copy of a letter sent to WirelessCo by attorneys representing Ms. Lisa Fleming and Mr. Joseph Ware [attached hereto as Appendix 1]. The letter states that Ms. Fleming and Mr. Ware own property within 500 feet of the site and that, prior to the issuance of the certificate, they had received no notification of the impending construction. Ms. Fleming and Mr. Ware

demanded that WirelessCo immediately cease and desist from building the antenna tower. On October 4, 1996, also by facsimile, Ms. Fleming, Mr. Ware, and Hunington Pointe Development, by counsel, filed a complaint and motion to reopen this case and suspend the certificate pending further investigation [attached hereto as Appendix 2]. WirelessCo, the movants claim, obtained its certificate under false and fraudulent pretenses in that it claimed to have notified property owners within 500 feet when it did not, in fact, do so.

The Commission is entitled to rely upon the accuracy of statements made by utilities before it. In this proceeding, WirelessCo twice stated that it had notified all property owners within 500 feet. Serious question has been raised as to the accuracy of that statement. Accordingly, this case should be reopened and the matter investigated. If the Commission finds that WirelessCo's statements regarding notice were inaccurate, the Commission will schedule a hearing wherein the affected property owners may state their objections to the tower under construction.

Petitioners also request the Commission to suspend the certificate immediately so that the ongoing construction will cease. However, the Commission has authority to order WirelessCo to dismantle the tower subsequent to its construction, should such action appear appropriate based upon evidence gathered in this investigation. Consequently, such an Order is unnecessary at this time. However, WirelessCo should be aware that, under the circumstances, it proceeds with construction of the tower at its own risk. Should WirelessCo elect to proceed with construction, it may not operate this

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tower unless and until the Commission issues an order affirming its decision to issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity in this case.

The Commission being sufficiently advised, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Petitioners Ware, Fleming, and Hunington Pointe Development are made parties to this case, and their motion to reopen this case for further investigation is granted.

2. Petitioners' motion for an emergency order suspending the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted to WirelessCo on September 6, 1996 is denied except to the extent specified herein.

3. Within 10 days of the date of this Order, WirelessCo shall file its response to Petitioners' allegations.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 7th day of October, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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APPENDIX 1 AN APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 96-228, DATED October 7, 1996.

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October 3, 1996

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This office represents Ms. Lisa Fleming and Mr. Joseph Ware, owners of the property located at 183 Hunters Pointe Place, Simpsonville, Kentucky, which property is immediately adjacent to and contiguous with the property located at 1306 Buck Creek Road, Simpsonville, Kentucky, upon which Wireless Co., L.P., was granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Neccssity, by Order dated September 6, 1996, of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, to construct and operate an antenna tower.

Pursuant to KRS.278 et. seq., and the regulations propounded thereunder, each person who owns property or who resides within five hundred feet (500') of proposed construction is required to be notified, with invitation to intervene, or otherwise object or comment upon the subject of the Application; Wireless Co., L.P., as a part of its Application to construct the referenced tower, falsely verified to the PSC that all affected property owners had been notified.

Neither Ms. Fleming nor Mr. Ware ever received the required Notice, and their first knowledge of the subject of the Application occurred when they observed construction in progress immediately adjacent to their property. Upon inquiry it was determined that the Notice required of Wireless Co. L.P., was attempted by a mailing to an address in Middletown, Kentucky, that has no association with either Ms. Fleming or Mr. Ware (Copy attached). Based upon information received, the other affected property owner also did not receive the required notice of the proposed construction.

Demand is hereby made upon Wireless Co., L.P. and Gearon & Co., Inc., to immediately cease and desist from all construction associated with the antenna tower to be located at 1306 Buck Creek Road, Simpsonville, Kentucky. This will further serve as Notice that Wireless Co., L.P. and Gearon & Co., Inc., will be held accountable for all damages, both legal and equitable,

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accruing to Ms. Fleming and Mr. Ware from and after Thursday, October 3, 1996, growing out of the construction of the antenna tower that is the subject of the referenced Certificate.

Please contact the undersigned at your earliest opportunity regarding the above.

Sincerely, John K. Gordinier

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cc: Ms. Lisa Fleming Mr. Joseph Ware Mr. Donald Mills, Executive Director, Commonwealth of Kentucky Public Service Commission Richard Raff, Esq.

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APPENDIX 2

AN APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 96-228 DATED October 7, 1996.

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CASE NO. 96-228

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PETITIONERS

VS.

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RESPONDENT

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Comes the Petitioners and moves the Commission to Re-open the above matter for reconsideration of the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by the Commission on September 6, 1996. In support of this motion the Petitioners state that Respondent obtained the above Certificate under false and fraudulent pretenses in that the Respondent did not notify all persons who own property or reside within five hundred feet (50) "). of proposed construction as required by KRS 278 et. seq.

Patitioners further state that the Respondent has begun construction on the antenna tower putsuant to the authority given by the Commit in the fraudulently obtained Certificate. That Respondent has been notified of it violation of ' seq. but continues to construct the ergency Order Suspending ower Unless the Commission grants this motion : Certificate meparable harm will come to the Petitioners and others as yet unidentified.

Wherefore, the Petitioners move that its Motion to Re-open and Motion for Emergency Order Suspending Certificate he granted.

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Respectfully submitted.

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CASE NO. 96-228

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VERIFIED COMPLAINT

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Come the Petitioners, Hunters Pointe Development Company ("Hunters Pointe"), Lisa

Fleming and Joe Ware and for their Complaint against the Respondent, WirelessCo. L.P. d/b/a/

Sprint Spectrum state as follows:

1. Petitioner, Hunters Pointe, on and hofore September 6, 1996, owned property located on Buck Creek Road within 50% feet of the Mountclair PCS site.

2. Petitioners, Lisa Fleming and Joseph Ware, on and before September 6.1996, owned property and a residence located at 183 Hunters Pointe Place, Simpsonville, Kentucky which residence is within 500 feet of the Mountclair PCS site.

3. By order dated September 6, 1996, the Public Service Commission issued its vertificate Of Public Convenience and Necessity ("Certificate") to construct an

antenna tower located at 1306 Buck Creek Road Shelby County, Kentucky.

4. Pursuant to KRS 278et.seq. and the regulation propounded thereunder, each person who owns property or who resides within five hundred feet (500") of proposed construction is required to be notified, with invitation to intervene, or otherwise object or comment upon the subject of the Application.

5. Respondent, as a part of its Application to construct the referenced tower, falsely verified to the PSC that all affected property owners had been notified thereby causing the above Certificate to be issued under false and fraudulent circumstances.

6. Petroene will not receive the notification required by statute and as falsely verified op the Remondent as part of its Application for the Certificate.

7. Respondent has begun construction of the above referenced tower. Unless the construction of said tower is halted immediately, irreparable harm will occur to the Petitioner's and others as yet unidentified.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioners demand as follows:

1. Immedia - Adrawal or suspension by the Commission of the Certificate for the construction - contenna tower at the Mountclair PCS site;

2. Opportunity of the Petitioners to be heard;

3. Any and all other relief to which they may be justly entitled including attorneys fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

I. Lisa Floming, the plaintiff herein, swear that the statements contained in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and shorn to and acknowledged before me by Lisa Fleming on this $4^{H_{ac}}$ day 'of October, 1996. My commission expires: 4-5-2800 here Notary Hublic I. Joseph W

Complaint are true

- suntiff herein, swear that the statements contained in the foregoing of the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Subscribed and sworn to and acknowledged before me by Joseph Ware on this $\underline{\mathcal{A}}^{(L)}$ day to FOstober (1996).

| - | My commission expires: | 4-5-2000 | |
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1. Hory F. White Officer for Hunter Pointe Development, Perifioner herein, swear that researchaned in the foregoing Complaint are trade of corrupt to the best of my una office.

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Harry J. White, Orticer

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The and correct copy of the foregoing was matched unit at 9000 Wessex Place, Suite 100, Louisville estimated