

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY RSA #2, INC. FOR)
A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)
NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A CELL SITE)
APPROXIMATELY SEVEN MILES SOUTHWEST)
OF CADIZ, OFF OLD HIGHWAY 68, NORTH OF) CASE NO. 97-002
U.S. 68 AND 80 AND WEST OF KY 1498, NEAR)
CANTON IN TRIGG, COUNTY, KENTUCKY)
(CANTON SITE))

O R D E R

On January 3, 1997, Kentucky RSA #2, Inc. filed an application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to build and operate a cellular radio telecommunications facility for Rural Service Area No. 2 ("RSA No. 2"). RSA No. 2 includes Caldwell, Crittenden, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Trigg, Union, and Webster counties. Kentucky RSA #2, Inc. has requested authorization to construct a cell site in Trigg County. Kentucky RSA #2, Inc. was previously granted authority to operate a cellular radio telecommunications system in RSA No. 2 in Case No. 93-276.¹

The proposed cell site consists of a 250-foot or less guyed antenna tower to be located near Lake Barkley and Canton, Kentucky, approximately seven miles west of

¹ Case No. 93-276, The Joint Application of Telephone and Data Systems, Inc., an Iowa Corporation, United States Cellular Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, and Mo-Tel Cellular Inc., a Georgia Corporation d/b/a Cellular One Western Kentucky Cellular Telephone Company and d/b/a Western Kentucky Cellular Telephone Company for Approval of the Merger of a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. and Mo-Tel Cellular, Inc. and Transfer of the Surviving Corporation to United States Cellular Corporation.

Cadiz, off Old Highway 68, north of U.S. 68 and 80 and west of KY 1489 in Trigg County, Kentucky ("the Canton cell site"). The coordinates for the Canton cell site are North Latitude 36° 48' 32" by West Longitude 87° 56' 12".

Kentucky RSA #2, Inc. has provided information regarding the structure of the tower, safety measures, and antenna design criteria for the Canton cell site. Based upon the application, the design of the tower and foundation conforms to applicable nationally recognized building standards, and the plans have been certified by a Registered Professional Engineer.

Pursuant to KRS 100.324(1), the Canton cell site's construction is exempt from local zoning ordinances; however, Kentucky RSA #2, Inc. notified the Trigg County Judge/Executive of the pending construction. Kentucky RSA #2, Inc. 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 Canton cell site. The KAZC has approved the site while the FAA application is pending.

Kentucky RSA #2, Inc. has filed notices verifying that each person who owns property or who resides within 500 feet of the Canton 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 #2, Inc.'s application was filed. On January 7, 1997, the Commission received a protest letter from Winthrop and W. J. Hopson. On January 10, 1997, the Commission ordered Kentucky RSA #2, Inc. to respond to the Hopsons' concerns and informed them of their right to

intervene. On February 27, 1997, the Commission received a protest withdrawal letter from the Hopsons' and, 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 #2, 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 #2, Inc.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that Kentucky RSA #2, Inc. should be granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate the Canton cell site in RSA No. 2 under its previously approved tariff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Kentucky RSA #2, Inc. is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate the Canton cell site.
2. Kentucky RSA #2, Inc. shall file a copy of the final decision regarding the pending FAA application for this cell site construction within 10 days of receiving the decision.

3. Kentucky RSA #2, 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 11th day of April, 1997.

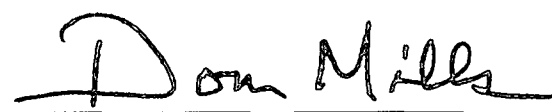
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