

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF NEW PAR, A DELAWARE )  
PARTNERSHIP, D/B/A AIRTOUCH CELLULAR, )  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE ) CASE NO.  
AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A CELLULAR ) 97-180  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY IN CAMPBELL )  
COUNTY, KENTUCKY )

O R D E R

This matter arising upon the motion of Diane Wiehoff, filed April 30, 1997, for full intervention, and it appearing to the Commission that Ms. Wiehoff has a special interest which is not otherwise adequately represented, and that such intervention is likely to present issues and develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings, and this Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The motion of Diane Wiehoff to intervene is granted.
2. Ms. Wiehoff shall be entitled to the full rights of a party and shall be served with the Commission's Orders and with filed testimony, exhibits, pleadings, correspondence, and all other documents submitted by parties after the date of this Order.
3. Should Ms. Wiehoff file documents of any kind with the Commission in the course of these proceedings, she shall also serve a copy of said documents on all other parties of record.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 9th day of May, 1997.

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
For the Commission

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O R D E R

The Commission has received the attached letters from Lloyd K. Rogers, Kathleen and Sylvia Siry, and Diane Wiehoff (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Petitioners") regarding the proposed cellular telecommunications facility to be located at 100 Fairground Lane, Alexandria, Campbell County, Kentucky.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:


1. New Par, d/b/a AirTouch Cellular ("AirTouch") shall respond to Petitioners' concerns by certified letter, within 10 days from the date of this Order.
2. AirTouch shall file a copy of the certified letter and dated receipt, within 7 days of the date on the receipt.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 9th day of May, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
For the Commission

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

April 24, 1997

Mr. Don Mills  
Executive Directors Office  
Public Service Commission of Kentucky  
P.O. Box 615  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

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COMMISSION

**Ref: Case Number 97-180 Cellular Tower in Alexandria, Kentucky**

Dear Mr. Mills:

This letter is a plea to ask you to deny the permit to install a 285 foot cellular tower in a residential area of this small town of Alexandria, Kentucky.

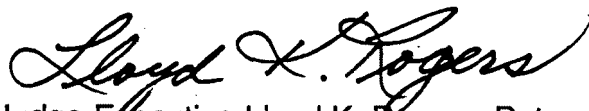
It is evident that this tower could be placed a short distance away just outside the town. There are numerous alternatives to providing an adequate site for this tower without impacting the residents of Alexandria.

As the former Campbell County Judge-Executive of this county and also being a former employee of the Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, I can assure you that this site is not the only place suitable for the tower. There are other sites that are less detrimental to the residents of this small town.

There are already other high towers protruding skyward within a very short distance of this proposed tower site. The aesthetics of this community are being damaged by these towers. They also tend to lower property values.

Thank you for your indulgence.

Yours truly,



Judge-Executive Lloyd K. Rogers, Ret.  
12 Sheridan Drive  
Alexandria, Kentucky 41001  
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April 23, 1997

Case # 97-180

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Mr. Don Mills, Executive Director  
Public Service Commission of Kentucky  
P.O. Box 615  
Frankfort, KY 40602

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Dear Mr. Mills,

We are writing to you to protest the construction of a 285 foot cellular tower that Air Touch Cellular Company is proposing to build on the Alexandria Fair Grounds. We want the location of the cellular tower moved.

We received a notice today stating that our home is located within 500 feet of the proposed cellular tower. The case number on the notice is 97-180. The proposed location of the tower would be much too close to our home and also the homes of many other people. It should not be located in a residential area.

The Alexandria Fair Grounds is a very bad choice of a place for a cellular tower. The Fair Grounds is closely surrounded by houses, many of the houses border the Fair Grounds. Also the Fair Grounds is in the center of a historic town. Alexandria is a quaint, old town with great charm that would be terribly marred by the high, ugly tower that Air Touch plans to build. The tower is totally incompatible with the center of this small town.

In addition to the damage the tower would cause to the appearance and character of a historic town, the tower would also result in the devaluation of the property of home owners in the community and could pose possible health risks. We have read articles that state that research concerning health risks associated with sources of electromagnetic fields is still ongoing and no conclusions have been reached. Some studies indicate that EMF's, which cellular towers emit, may pose a health risk. The long term effects of exposure to EMF's from cellular towers are not known. Cellular towers should not be placed near people's homes where they might pose a potential risk. The Fair Grounds is also a place where people attend events. Children and adults who live near the Fair Grounds or even attend events at the Fair Grounds could be adversely affected by the cellular tower.

In the area surrounding the small, historic center of Alexandria is a great deal of farm land that would be a much better choice for a place to put a cellular tower. If the tower were placed on farm land it would be further away from homes, where it would not harm the aesthetics of the quaint, old town and where it would not cause the devaluation of so many houses.

Everyone in a community should be able to have a voice in any issue which affects the whole community, as this issue does. It is wrong that the Board of the Alexandria Fair Grounds should be able to decide to let Air Touch put this tower in a location that adversely affects so many people and adversely affects a town. The people of the town, the local Planning and Zoning Commission and others want and should be allowed to have a voice in the matter, to be able to say that the Fair Grounds is a bad choice for a place to put the cellular tower and to be heard. Residents of the town should be able to take part in finding a more appropriate location for the tower. Many of our fellow residents in Alexandria are against this tower being constructed on the Fair Grounds and have worked hard to oppose it. Over 1000 people have signed a petition opposing placing the cellular tower on the Fair Grounds.

As residents of Alexandria we are asking the Public Service Commission to please decide to not allow Air Touch to build a cellular tower on the Alexandria Fair Grounds. Make Air Touch move the proposed cellular tower to a different location. Please help the residents of Alexandria to maintain their lovely town and to have a voice in their community.

Sincerely,

*Kathleen Siry and Sylvia Siry*

Kathleen and Sylvia Siry

112 - Lake Park Drive

Alexandria, Ky 41001

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April 27, 1997

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Executive Director's Office  
Public Service Commission of Kentucky  
P.O. Office Box 615  
Frankfort, KY 40602

Dear Sir,

I am opposed to the construction of a 285 feet cellular tower that Air Touch Cellular Company is proposing to build on the Alexandria Fair Grounds. I would like to intervene in this matter to have the location of the cellular tower moved.

I received a notice because my home is within the 500 feet radius of the proposed tower. The case number is 97-180. The proposed location of the tower would be much too close to my home and other homes.

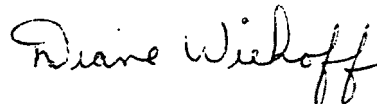
My main concern is the health risk associated with the sources of electromagnetic waves that these cellular towers emit. I have read articles about these towers that they could pose a health risk and the research is still ongoing and no conclusions have been reached. The long term effects of exposure to EMF's from cellular towers are not known. This is very scary. I have a 12 year old. We don't want to be a part of their research.

My family and I enjoy our back deck and the backyard. We spend a lot of time outdoors when weather is warm, and we will be looking at this 289' tower everyday. Would you want this tower in your back yard?

The tower will result in devaluation of our property. There is a lot of farm land outside of Alexandria where this tower will be away from everyone and it can not harm us. It is so wrong that these people on the Alexandria Fair Ground Board should be able to decide to let Air Touch put this tower in a location that affects so many people.

As a resident of Alexandria, I am asking the Public Service Commission to please do not allow Air Touch to build a cellular tower on the Alexandria Fair Grounds.

Sincerely,



Diane Wiehoff