

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF WIRELESSCO, L.P., BY AND THROUGH ITS)
AGENT AND GENERAL PARTNER, SPRINT SPECTRUM, L.P.,)
FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC)
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A) CASE NO.
PERSONAL COMMUNICATION SERVICES FACILITY IN THE) 98-012
LOUISVILLE MAJOR TRADING AREA)
[LEESTOWN PIKE FACILITY])

O R D E R

On January 20, 1998, Sprint Spectrum, L.P. on behalf of WirelessCo, L.P. filed an application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to build and operate a personal communications system ("PCS") facility in the Louisville Major Trading Area, which encompasses the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky. WirelessCo, L.P. has requested authorization to construct a PCS site in Franklin County. WirelessCo, L.P. was previously granted the authority to operate in Case No. 96-077.¹

The proposed PCS site consists of a 180-foot or less monopole antenna tower to be located approximately 1000 feet south of the intersection of Leestown Pike (US 421) and Taylor Tot Road, Frankfort, Franklin County, Kentucky ("the Leestown Pike PCS site"). The coordinates for the Leestown Pike PCS site are North Latitude 38° 11' 04.2" by West Longitude 84° 48' 41.1".

¹ Case No. 96-077, The Application of WirelessCo, L.P., d/b/a Sprint Telecommunications Venture for Operating Authority and Issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct Commercial Mobile Radio Service Transmission Facilities in Kentucky.

WirelessCo, L.P. has provided information regarding the structure of the tower, safety measures, and antenna design criteria for the Leestown Pike PCS 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 Leestown Pike PCS site's construction is exempt from local zoning ordinances; however, WirelessCo, L.P. notified the Franklin County Planning Commission of the pending construction. WirelessCo, L.P. contracted with the Airspace Safety Analysis Corporation to determine if Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") and Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission ("KAZC") approvals were necessary. They determined that FAA and KAZC approvals were not required at this location for towers under 200 feet.

WirelessCo, L.P. has verified that each person who owns property or who resides within 500 feet of the Leestown Pike PCS site has been notified of the pending construction. The notice solicited any comments and informed the property owners and 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 WirelessCo, L.P.'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, WirelessCo, L.P. should notify the Commission if it does not use this antenna tower to provide PCS radio tele-

communications 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 WirelessCo, L.P.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that WirelessCo, L.P. should be granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate the Leestown Pike PCS site under its previously approved tariff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. WirelessCo, L.P. is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate the Leestown Pike PCS site.

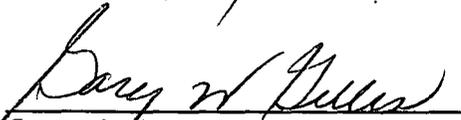
2. WirelessCo, L.P. shall immediately notify the Commission in writing, if, after the antenna tower is built and utility service is commenced, the tower is not used for a period of 3 months in the manner authorized by this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 12th day of May, 1998.

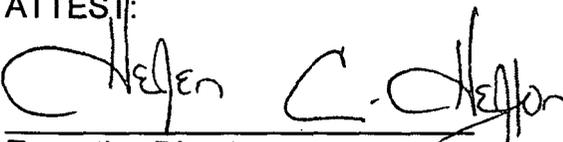
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Executive Director