## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF POWERTEL/KENTUCKY, INC.	)
FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC	)
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT	CASE NO.
A PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES	99-052-UAC
FACILITY IN B-263 BASIC TRADING AREA WHICH	)
INCLUDES NELSON COUNTY (THE L-KY-090-155	)
FACILITY)	)

## <u>ORDER</u>

On Februrary 11, 1999, Powertel/Kentucky, Inc. ("Powertel/Kentucky") filed an application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a wireless telecommunications facility. The proposed facility is to be located at 4335 Wire Road, Bardstown, Nelson County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 37° 49' 58.86" by West Longitude 85° 21' 3.33".

Powertel/Kentucky has provided information regarding the structure of the tower, safety measures, and antenna design criteria for the proposed facility. 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 100.987, Powertel/Kentucky has notified the Nelson County Planning Commission ( Planning Commission ) of the proposed construction. To date, no comments have been filed by the Planning Commission. Powertel/Kentucky 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 proposed facility. Both decisions are pending.

Powertel/Kentucky has filed evidence of the appropriate notices provided pursuant to 807 KAR 5:063. The notices solicited any comments and informed the recipients of their right to request intervention. The Commission received comments from a property owner adjacent to the site, but no request for intervention or a public hearing was filed.

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, Powertel/Kentucky should notify the Commission if it does not use this antenna tower to provide service 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 Powertel/Kentucky.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that Powertel/Kentucky has demonstrated that a facility is necessary to provide adequate utility service and therefore should be granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct the proposed facility.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Powertel/Kentucky is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct a self-supporting antenna tower not to exceed 255 feet in height, with attached antennas, to be located at 4335 Wire Road, Bardstown, Nelson County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 37° 49' 58.86" by West Longitude 85° 21' 3.33".

Powertel/Kentucky shall file a copy of the final decisions regarding its pending
 FAA and KAZC applications for the proposed construction within 10 days of receiving these decisions.

3. Powertel/Kentucky 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:
Executive Director