

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF TRITEL)	
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND TRITEL FINANCE,)	
INC. ("TRITEL") FOR ISSUANCE OF A)	
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)	
NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A PERSONAL)	
COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FACILITY IN THE)	CASE NO.
LOUISVILLE MAJOR TRADING AREA (HAMMOND)	2000-479-UAC
FACILITY))	
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O R D E R

On December 1, 2000, Tritel Communications, Inc. and Tritel Finance, Inc. ("Applicants") 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 2034 Hwy. 31-E, Mt. Washington, Bullitt County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 38° 1' 40.1" by West Longitude 85° 31' 14.5".

The Applicants have 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 Licensed Professional Engineer.

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:063, the Applicants have notified the local planning commission of the proposed construction. The commission with jurisdiction has not registered with the Kentucky Public Service Commission for the right to regulate cell towers. The Applicants have 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.

The Applicants have 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. To date, no public comments have been filed with the Commission.

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, the Applicants should notify the Commission if they do not use this antenna tower to provide service in the manner set out in their 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 the Applicants.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that the Applicants have 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. The Applicants are granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct a wireless telecommunications facility. The proposed facility is to be located at 2034 Hwy. 31-E, Mt. Washington, Bullitt County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 38° 1' 40.1" by West Longitude 85° 31' 14.5".

2. The Applicants shall file a copy of the final decisions regarding their pending FAA and KAZC applications for the proposed construction within 10 days of receiving these decisions.

3. The Applicants 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 4th day of January, 2001.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director