

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK	)	
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FOR THE	)	
ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC	)	CASE NO.
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO	)	2014-00024
CONSTRUCT A TOWER IN HARLAN COUNTY,	)	
KENTUCKY	)	

ORDER

On April 25, 2014, East Kentucky Network, LLC, d/b/a Appalachian Wireless ("Applicant") filed an application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a wireless telecommunications facility.<sup>1</sup> The proposed facility consists of a self-supporting antenna tower not to exceed 190 feet in height, with attached antenna, to be located near 176 Blanton Drive, Pathfork, Harlan County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 36° 45' 30.51" by West Longitude 83° 28' 9.52".

The Applicant has provided information regarding the structure of the tower, safety measures, and antenna design criteria for the proposed facility. Based upon the information contained in the application, the design of the tower and foundation conforms to applicable nationally recognized building standards, and a Licensed Professional Engineer has certified the plans.

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:063, the Applicant has notified the County Judge/Executive of the proposed construction and filed evidence of the appropriate

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<sup>1</sup> The original application was received on April 1, 2014. The application was supplemented and deemed filed on April 25, 2014.

notices provided pursuant to 807 KAR 5:063. The notices solicited comments and informed the recipients of their right to request intervention. To date, no public comments have been filed with the Commission.

The Applicant has filed an application with the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA"), but the FAA decision is pending. The Applicant notified the Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission ("KAZC") of the proposed construction. However, the KAZC informed the Applicant that the proposed facility does not exceed any requirements contained in 602 KAR 50:030 and thus does not require a permit from the KAZC.

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

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 Applicant 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 the Applicant.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

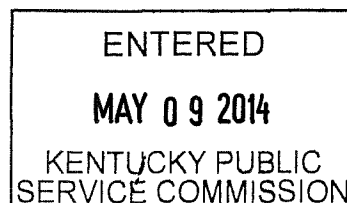
1. The Applicant is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct a wireless telecommunications facility. The proposed facility consists of a self-supporting antenna tower not to exceed 190 feet in height, with attached antenna, and is to be located near 176 Blanton Drive, Pathfork, Harlan County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 36° 45' 30.51" by West Longitude 83° 28' 9.52".

2. The Applicant shall file a copy of the final decision regarding the pending FAA application for the proposed construction within ten days of receiving the decision.


3. The Applicant 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 three months in the manner authorized by this Order.

4. Documents filed, if any, in the future pursuant to ordering paragraphs 2 and 3 herein shall reference this case number and shall be retained in the utility's general correspondence files.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

  
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