



Kentucky Service Commission
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Case # 2009-00432

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest, comprises 14,592 acres in Bullitt and Nelson Counties. Bernheim operates as a destination for outdoor education recreation and forest research. Bernheim received a Notice of Proposed Construction of a Wireless Telecommunications Facility on State Route 245 (case number 2009-00432) on 5 November 2009. This letter requests that the 250 ft. tall tower NOT be authorized.

Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest is working with local businesses, community organizers and tourist sites to designate this section of highway 245 as a Scenic Highway. This economically beneficial strategy is logical since 245 is the western gateway to the Bourbon Trail, and displays natural roadside beauty. This section of 245 already attracts hundreds of thousands of tourists each year with Bernheim, Jim Beam Distillery, Four Roses Distillery, and as a direct route to historic Bardstown from I-65. A tower of this height will be visible from both directions and will reduce the appeal of this scenic highway, resulting in reduced revenues from tourism to the region.

Bernheim also objects to the tower due to its excessive height which will be visible over the trees and hills for miles. This tower will negatively impact the visitor experience at Bernheim, where 200,000 visitors each year enjoy the beauty of nature.

We ask you to halt this tower and deny its construction.

Thank you for your considerations.

Dr. Mark K. Wourms
Executive Director
Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest

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