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January 5, 2017

Mr. Thomas W. Keeth 319 Ramey Road East Point, Kentucky 41216

RE: Case No. 2016-00326

The Application of East Kentucky Network, LLC for the Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Tower in Magoffin County, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Keeth:

This is in response to your letter received on December 20, 2016, stating your concerns and objections regarding East Kentucky Network's application for approval to construct a wireless tower facility. The letter has been placed in the official case file of this proceeding and the Commission will carefully analyze this application before rendering its final decision. By this letter, the attached request for intervention has been forwarded to East Kentucky Network for a response. Commission Staff requests East Kentucky Network to submit a written response to the request for information, with a copy to the Commission, within 15 days of the date of this letter.

In your letter you request to intervene in this proceeding. As grounds for your interest you dispute the ownership of the property upon which the proposed tower is to be built. You allege there is a defect in the deed under which the current owner of the property, Eagle Well Service, Inc., took ownership. You also allege that you and your brother are entitled to one-half of the property and that half has yet to be determined. Therefore, you state that it is not known if the tower will be built upon the half of land to which you and your brother may be entitled.

The Commission will grant intervention to a party if that party, "has a special interest in the case that is not otherwise adequately represented" or the party's "intervention is likely to present issues or to develop facts that assist the commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings." 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11).

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You have raised allegations pertaining to the proper ownership of the property that East Kentucky Network seeks to lease in order to construct a wireless tower. While a disputed title may be an issue that could assist the Commission in considering the application, you have provided no documentation that such a dispute legally exists.

The Commission is not a court of law and only has the power given to it by statute. The Commission's jurisdiction does not extend to property disputes and is not the appropriate venue in which to adjudicate such a dispute and absent proof that such a dispute exists, the Commission cannot determine if you have a special interest in the case or an interest that would not otherwise be represented. Therefore, within 20 days of the date of this letter, please provide either: 1) an order from a court of competent jurisdiction proving your and your brother's interest in the property; or, 2) documents demonstrating that the ownership of the property is being disputed before a court of law.

If you have any questions, please contact J.E.B. Pinney, Staff Attorney, at (502) 782-2587 or at <u>jeb.pinney@ky.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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Talina R. Mathews Executive Director

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Attachment

cc: Parties of Record

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