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November 3, 2017

Gwen R. Pinson, Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

Re:

Response to Request for Intervention

PSC Case No.: 2017-00368

Site Name: Symsonia

Dear Ms. Pinson:

We have received and responded to a Request for Intervention from Nancy M. Roche concerning this tower site. Please find enclosed our response to their concerns and make this letter and its enclosures a part of the administrative record. Do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns regarding this matter

Sincerely,

David A. Pike

Attorney for New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

d/b/a AT&T Mobility

Enclosure

cc: Brittany Hayes Koenig, Div. of General Counsel

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION NOV

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THE APPLICATION OF

NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC

D/B/A AT&T MOBILITY

FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC

CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT

A WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY

IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

IN THE COUNTY OF GRAVES

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SITE NAME: SYMSONIA

In the Matter of:

RESPONSE TO REQUEST TO INTERVENE

Applicant New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Mobility ("AT&T Mobility"), by counsel, make this Response to Intervene. Applicants respectfully state, as follows:

- 1. The Request to Intervene by Nancy M. Roche offers no new evidence in support of intervention and largely duplicates the claims of her initial filing without directly countering that there are no grounds for denial of the subject application and substantial evidence of record exists in support of the requested CPCN, as set forth in Applicants' Response filed September 29, 2017.
- 2. While Ms. Roche acknowledges that she owns farmland next to the proposed site, she also attempts to characterize the farmland as residential to bolster her generalized concerns about "property values and aesthetics," but otherwise attaches no expert testimony in support of her concerns to the motion. A denial of the Application could not be supported by Ms. Roche's assertions. Moreover, Ms. Roche does not detail why the proposed tower site should be rejected under statute or regulation even if her

concerns as to property values and aesthetics were true.

- 3. Ms. Roche acknowledges that that there is a problem with cell phone coverage in the area, but expresses the unsupported lay opinion that there are more appropriate locations for a new tower without offering any specific alternatives and without demonstrating that another location is available for leasing, would meet the radio frequency needs of the project, and would not result in opposition from other property owners in the area.
- 4. The Public Service Commission should not become a facilitator to Ms. Roche's efforts to circumvent clear and controlling legal precedent. 807 K.A.R. 5:001 Section 4 (11)(b) provides:
 - "(b) The commission shall grant a person leave to intervene if the commission finds that he or she had made a timely motion for intervention and that he or she has a special interest in the case that is not otherwise adequately represented or that his or her <u>intervention</u> is <u>likely to present issues or to develop facts that assist the commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings." (Emphasis added). Id at 807 K.A.R. 5:001 Section 4 -1 (11)(b).</u>

Federal Courts recognize that lay opinion or generalized aesthetic concerns are not substantial evidence justifying a rejection of this application. <u>Cellco Partnership v. Franklin Co.</u>, KY, 553 F. Supp. 2d 838, 845-846 (E.D. Ky. 2008). Unsupported opinion is not substantial evidence. <u>Cellco Partnership</u> at 849. Generalized expressions of concerns with "aesthetics" are not substantial evidence. Cellco Partnership at 851.

It is clear the Motion to Intervene adds nothing to Ms. Roche's initial filing and provides no credible response to the issues raised by Applicant's Response filed September 29, 2017.

WHEREFORE, Applicants respectfully request the Kentucky Public Service Commission:

- (a) Accept this Response to Request to Intervene for filing;
- (b) Deny the Motion to Intervene; and
- (c) Grant Applicants any other relief to which they are entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 3rd day of November 2017, a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was sent by U.S. Postal Service first class mail, postage prepaid, to Nancy M. Roche, 821 Fatherland Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37206.

Respectfully submitted,

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