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PUBLIC SERVICE

RE: Docket Number 2017-00435 - Notice of Proposed Construction of Wireless Communications Facility, Site Name: Hansen

Dear Executive Director Gwen R. Pinson:

On November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017, SBA Communications received notice that Tillman Infrastructure has filed an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission to build a wireless communications facility on a site located at 1641 Lee Burd Road, Benton, Kentucky 42025. The proposed wireless facility will include a 302 foot tower and related ground facilities.

SBA Communications Corporation requests that the Public Services Commission intervenes in the proceedings for this proposed wireless facility based on the Request to Intervene attached.

In the event any documentation or additional information is needed, SBA would gladly respond via the contact information below.

SBA wishes to remain updated as to the status of this application (Docket Number 2017-00435) to the Public Service Commission and we can be reached at 561.226.9256 or via email to <a href="mailto:eroach@sbasite.com">eroach@sbasite.com</a>.

Sincerely,

Ed Roach VP – Associate General Counsel

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## REQUEST TO INTERVENE

We, SBA Properties LLC, file this Request to Intervene in the above reference Application, Docket Number 2017-00435. Movant would further show pursuant to 807 K.A.R. 5:0001 (11) that their intervention is likely to present issues and develop facts that will aid the Commission in fully considering this Application without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Movant would show the Commission as follows:

- On November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017, SBA Communications received notice that Tillman Infrastructure has filed an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission to build a wireless communications facility on a site located at 1641 Lee Burd Road, Benton, Kentucky 42025. The proposed wireless facility will include a 302 foot tower and related ground facilities. The notice states that AT&T engineers assisted in selecting the location and elevation needed to provide service in the area. In addition, a statement was made that this facility is needed to provide improved coverage for wireless communications in the area.
- 2. Movant, SBA Properties LLC, has a leasehold interest on the adjacent property. SBA owns a 310 foot tower and related wireless ground facilities at 1709 Lee Burd Road, Benton, KY 42025 (36° 49' 23.05" North Latitude 88° 28' 34.54" West Longitude). The SBA tower was built for wireless purposes and AT&T is a tenant on the SBA Properties LLC tower and currently provides coverage from this SBA tower. Our current tower is approximately 760 feet (0.14 mile) away from the proposed Tillman Infrastructure site. Our current tower is in compliance with all regulations and has the structural capacity for the current AT&T equipment along with the other tenant(s) on the tower.
- 3. Movant believes that Tillman Infrastructure has not demonstrated that this proposed wireless communication facility will provide the improved coverage for wireless communication in this area. AT&T already has service in this same location and the Movant's tower can handle additional tenants. In the event that a carrier wishes to amend their current configuration, SBA will have no issue in upgrading this site as necessary to accommodate any proposed equipment changes. In addition, the SBA tower is the same height or taller than this proposed facility. Based on the information above and the information provided by Tillman Infrastructure, we do not believe that the statement provided by Tillman Infrastructure that another facility is needed to provide coverage is factually correct. The need to construct an additional cell phone tower of over 300 feet is not needed and will contribute to the unnecessary proliferation of cellular towers in the area.

WHEREFORE having fully plead, Movant requests permission to intervene in this Application

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Roach VP – Associate General Counsel