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March 17, 2006

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Michael A. Reuter 12916 Water Ridge Drive McCordsville, IN 46055

> RE: Case No. 2006-00052 Bluegrass Cellular

Dear Mr. Reuter:

This is in response to your letter received on February 15, 2006 requesting information regarding the 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 information has been forwarded to the Applicant for a response.

Commission Staff requests the Applicant 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. After receipt of the Applicant's response, the party requesting the information should submit to the Commission a request for intervention or a hearing, if intervention or a hearing is desired. If no request for intervention or a hearing is received within 30 days of the date of this letter, the Commission Staff will presume that the Applicant's reply has satisfied the concerns raised in the attached request for information.

It may be helpful for you to know the state authority, specifically that of the Public Service Commission, in this matter has been limited by federal law. For example, Section 704 of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 prohibits this Commission from regulating the placement of wireless facilities on the basis of environmental effects of the radio frequency emissions to the extent that facilities comply with Federal Communications Commission regulations. Section 704 also prohibits a state or local government from prohibiting telecommunications facilities construction if such denial will have the effect of prohibiting service. In addition, this Commission is required by statute to ensure that utility service, including telecommunications service, is adequate and reliable. The Commission does, however, consider appropriate placement of necessary facilities within applicable engineering boundaries. It also pursues a policy of collocation of facilities whenever possible.

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Thank you for your letter of interest and concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

Beth O'Donnell Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record

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February 12, 2006

Executive Director's Office Public Service Commission of Kentucky PO Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602

RE: Case Number 2006-00052

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is in response to a recent public notice concerning the construction of a 240 foot cellular tower at 57 Missionary Drive, Russell Springs, Kentucky. The notice did not provide us with enough detailed information to draw a conclusion. Would you please provide the homeowners with the construction timetable, construction drawings, and the location of the tower on the proposed site?

I do not disagree that there is a demand for cellular service in the Indiana Hills area; I do disagree with the location of the proposed tower. My wife and I purchased our property to get away from the city and enjoy life in the country. It is disappointing that there is consideration being given to constructing a 240 foot tower so close to our home. The Indian Hills area has many open spaces that could accommodate such a tower. Has there been any consideration to locating this tower on another site that would not require the destruction of a wooded area? Much consideration has been given by the State of Kentucky to preserve a natural environment around the banks of Lake Cumberland. Although this fall beyond the restricted area, I ask that same consideration be given to our neighborhood.

In addition to the construction information, would you please provide us with the latest research regarding the health risks to residents living close to a cellular tower? Also, there is concern among homeowners that the construction of this tower could affect the value of our property. Please provide us with the additional information at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Reuter Map 71SE, Lot 3 Alligator Cove or Lot N, Bluegrass Cellular Map

CC: Allen McGimsey Project Manager 2902 Ring Road Blue Grass Cellular Elizabethtown, KY 42701

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