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# DRESSEN CELLULAR TOWER APPLICATION

Harlan, Kentucky P.S.C. CASE # 2008-00266

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# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A TOWER IN HARLAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY).

CASE No 2008-00266

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In case number 91-002 East Kentucky Network, LLC, formerly Mountaineer Cellular Limited Liability Company was granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity by the Kentucky Public Service Commission to construct and operate a cellular radio telecommunications system for KY RSA 10. East Kentucky Network LLC merger documents were filed with the Commission on February 2, 2001 in Case # 2001-022.

In an effort to improve service in Harlan County, East Kentucky Network, LLC pursuant to KRS 278.020 Subsection 1 and 807 KAR 5:001 Section 9 is seeking the Commission's approval to construct a tower near Index.. The proposed tower will be a 300 foot self-supporting tower located on a tract of land at Dressen near the city of Harlem in Harlan County, Kentucky. A map and detailed directions to the site can be found in Exhibit 8.

FAA and Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission approvals have been applied for and a copy of the application is included as Exhibit 4 and 6.

No Federal Communications Commission approval is required prior to construction of this facility. Once service is established from this tower we must immediately notify the Federal Communications Commission of its operation. Prior approval is needed only if the proposed facility increases the size of the cellular geographic service area. This cell site will not expand the cellular geographic service area.

A geologist was employed to determine soil and rock types and to ascertain the distance to solid bedrock. The geotechnical report is enclosed as Exhibit 3

A copy of the tower design information is enclosed as Exhibit 5. The proposed tower has been designed by engineers at Attlstate Tower, Inc and will be constructed under their supervision. Their qualifications are evidenced in Exhibit 5 by the seal and signature of the registered professional engineer responsible for this project.

The tower will be erected by A & D Communication of Cattlesburg, Kentucky. A & D has vast experience in the erection of communications towers.

Enclosed, and should be filed with Exhibit 10 is a survey of the proposed tower site signed by a Kentucky registered professional engineer. There is no structure within 500 feet of the proposed tower as indicated in this enclosure. Exhibit 2 is a list of all Property owners or residents according to the property valuation administrator's record who reside or own property within 500 feet of the proposed tower in accordance with the Public Valuation Administrator'. No other properties are contiguous with East Kentucky's property.

Exhibit 12, back of folder, contains a vertical sketch of the tower supplied by Coleman Engineering.

Pursuant to 807 KAR5:063 Sections1 (1)(L) and Section 1(1)(n)(1) all affected property owners according to the property valuation administrator's record who reside or own property within 500 feet of the proposed Tower were notified by certified mail return receipt requested of East Kentucky Network, LLC's proposed construction and informed of their right to intervene. They were given the docket number under which this application is filed. Enclosed in Exhibit 2 is a copy of that notification.

Harlan County has no formal local planning unit. In absence of this unit the Harlan County Judge Executive's office was notified by certified mail, return receipt requested of East Kentucky

Network Limited Liability Company's proposal and informed of their right to intervene. They were given the docket number under which this application is filed. Enclosed in Exhibit (1) is a copy of that notification.

East Kentucky Network, LLC will finance the subject Construction with earned surplus in its General Fund.

Estimated Cost of Construction 140, 000.00 Annual Operation Expense of Tower 12,500.00

Two notice signs meeting the requirements prescribed by 807 KAR 5:063, Section 1(2), measuring at least two (2) feet in height and four (4) feet in width and containing all required language in letters of required height, have been posted, one at a visible location on the proposed site and one on the nearest public road. The two signs were posted on July 28, 2008 and will remain posted for at least two weeks after filing of this application as specified.

Enclosed in Exhibit 9 is a copy of East Kentucky Network LLC's deeds to the site.

Notice of the location of the proposed construction was published on the first two weeks of August in the Harlan Daily Enterprise. Enclosed is a copy of that notice in Exhibit 1. The Harlan Daily Enterprise is the newspaper with the largest circulation in Harlan County.

The proposed construction site is on a very rugged mountaintop some feet from the nearest structure. Prior to construction the site was wooded.

Due to the steep hillside surrounding the proposed site, the property in close proximity is unsuitable for any type of development. East Kentucky Network LLC's operation will not affect the use of nearby land nor its value. No more suitable site exists in the area. A copy of the search area map is enclosed in Exhibit 8. No other tower capable of supporting East Kentucky Network LLC's load exists in the general area; therefore, there is no opportunity for co-location of our facilities with anyone else.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that the PSC accept the foregoing Application for filing, and having met the requirements of KRS [278.020(1), 278.650, and 278.665] and all applicable rules and regulations of the PSC, grant a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate the proposed tower.

The foregoing document was prepared by Janice Robinson, Technical Site Coordinator for East Kentucky Network d/b/a Appalachian Wireless. All related questions or correspondence concerning this filing should be mailed to East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless, 101 Technology Trail, Ivel, KY 41642.

SUBMITTED BY: _	Janus Lolanson  Janice Robinson, Cell Site Coordinator	DATE: <u>01-25-08</u>
APPROVED BY:	Gerald Robinette, General Manager	DATE:

### **Contacts:**

Gerald Robinette, General Manager

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Janice Robinson, Technical Site Coordinator

Phone: (606) 791-2375, Ext. 166 Email: <u>jrobinson166a@ekn.com</u>

### **Mailing Address:**

East Kentucky Network, LLC. d/b/a Appalachian Wireless 101 Technology Trail Ivel, KY 41642

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2	Copies of Cell Site Notices.	
3	Universal Soil Bearing Analysis.	
4	Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission Application.	
5	Tower Design.	
6	FAA Approval/Notice of Proposed Construction.	
	Audited Financial Statements	
00	Driving Directions and Map to Suitable Scale.	The state of the s
9	Deed/Lease Agreement for Proposed Site.	7
10	Survey of Site Signed/Sealed by Professional Engineer Registered in State of Kentucky.	
111	Site Survey Map with Property Owners identified in Accordance with PVA of County.	
12	Vertical Profile Sketch of Proposed Tower.	муричем.

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### VIA: U.S. CERTIFIED MAIL

July 25, 2008

Joseph A Grieshop, Judge/Executive P. O. Box 956 Harlan, KY 40831

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The Commission invites your comments regarding the proposed construction. You also have the right to intervene in this matter. The Commission must receive your initial communication within 20 days of the date of this letter as shown above.

Your comments and request for intervention should be addressed to: Executive Director's Office, Public Service Commission of Kentucky, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602. Please refer to Case No. 2008-00266 in your correspondence.

Sincerely,

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d/b/a Appalachian Wireless 101 TECHNOLOGY TRAIL IVEL, KY 41642 Phone: 606/874-7550 Fax: 606/791-2225



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Attn: Ad Manager		East Kentucky Network,	
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606-573-4510	Pages:	1 Page (INCLUDING COVER	
PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT	Date:	07/25/08	
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Thank you, Janice Robinson, Technical Site Coordinator

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### **EXHIBIT II**: **LIST OF PROPERTY OWNERS:**

### Statement Pursuant to Section 1 (1) (I) 807 KAR 5:063

<u>Section 1 (1)(1) 1</u>. The following is a list of every property owner who according to property valuation administrator's records, owns property within 500 feet of the proposed tower and each have been: notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the proposed construction.

<u>Section 1 (1) I 2.</u>: Every person listed below who, according to the property valuation administrator's records, owns property within 500 feet of the proposed tower has been: Given the Commission docket number under which the application will be processed: and

<u>Section 1 (1) I 3</u>. Every person listed below who, according to property valuation administrator's records, owns property within 500 feet of the proposed tower has been: Informed of his right to request intervention.

### LIST OF PROPERTY OWNERS

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### WENDELL R. HOLMES, P.G.

120 Church Street Whitesburg, KY 41858 (606) 633-1511

June 6, 2008

Harlan Tower Site

### Purpose:

A site assessment was conducted for Appalachian Wireless on a tract of land located in Harlan County in the City of Harlan, Kentucky. The site of the proposed tower is now forestland property. The purpose of this investigation was to determine the depth to bedrock and of what type of rock the bedrock consists.

### Site Investigation:

The trenching method was used to determine at what depth and what type of bedrock material is present at the proposed tower site. A Caterpillar Excavator was used to expose the bedrock material. It is approximately 1.00 feet to the sandstone bedrock. (See attachments for location and descriptions of materials encountered.)

The terrain in Harlan County is slightly to moderately steep. The tower site is located on a point above the confluence of Catron Creek and Martin Fork, both being tributaries of the Cumberland River, approximately two tenths of a mile west of the junction of KY 72 and US 421 in Harlan County. The sandstone formation below the tower site is approximately 10.00 feet thick, based on the information obtained from the site investigation and geological maps of the area.

### Conclusions:

The proposed tower site is located on a point in the area. The sandstone bedrock on the proposed tower site is part of the Hance Formation, and is lower to middle Pennsylvanian in age. Tests were not conducted to determine the load-bearing strength of the bedrock. However, it is apparent that the tower will be constructed on the sandstone bedrock formation.

The field work for this site was performed by Wendell R. Holmes, using generally accepted methods in the practice of geological science.

Wendell R. House P.G.

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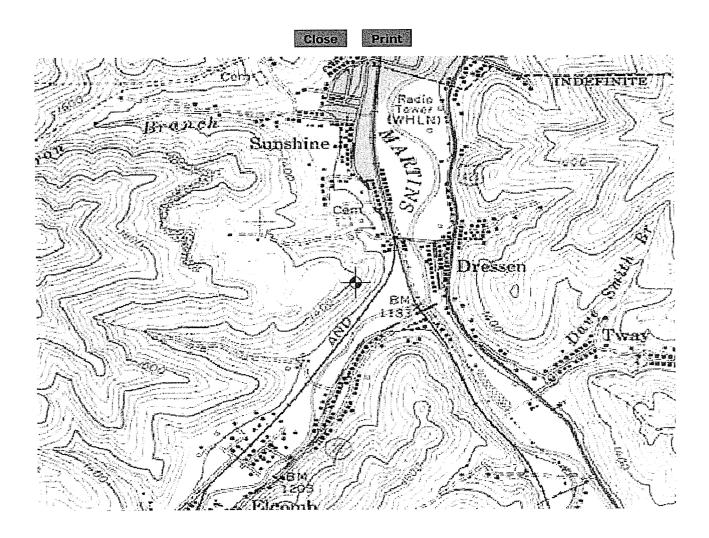
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Location: Harlan Tower Site

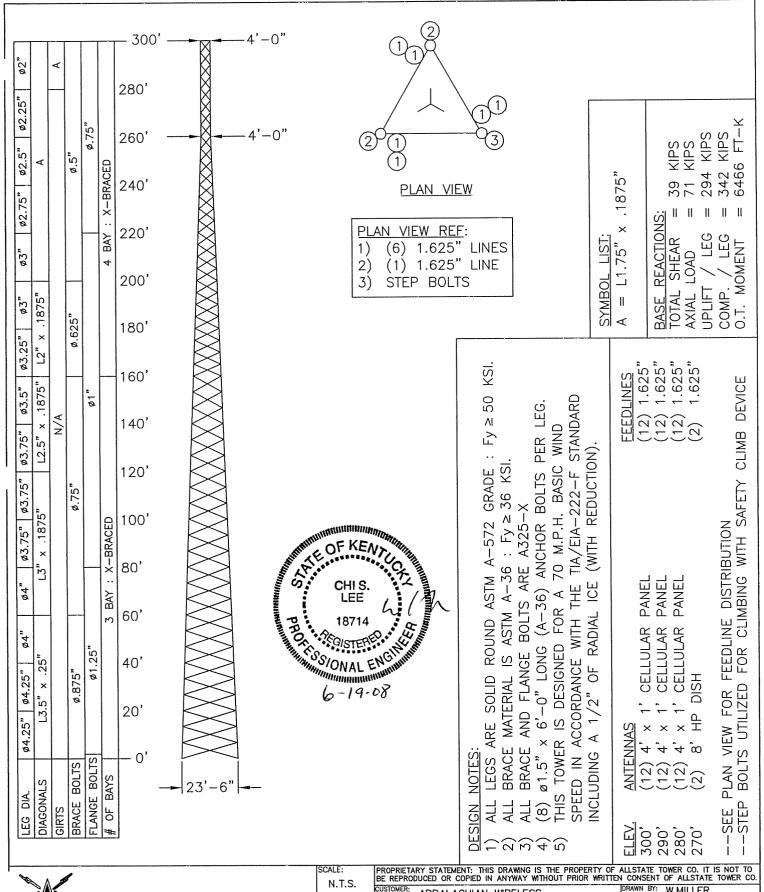
Unit Thickness	Total depth	Strata	Description
1.00′	1.00′	Soil	Yellowish Brown with plant and rock fragments
5.00′	6.00′	Sandstone	Brown and Weathered
5.00′	11.00′	Sandstone with Shale streaks	Gray and Brown



Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission, 200 Mero APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT OR ALTER INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED	
1 APPLICANT Name, Address, Telephone, Fax, etc East Kentucky Network, LLC c/o Lukas, Nace, Gutierrez & Sachs, Chtd 1650 Tysons Blvd, Suite 1500 McLean, VA 22102 T: 703-584-8667 F: 703-584-8692  2. Representative of Applicant Name, Address, Telephone, Fax	9 Latitude: 36 ° 49 50 6 "  10 Longitude: 83 ° 19 ' 44 5 "  11 Datum: ☑ NAD83 ☐ NAD27 ☐ Other  12 Nearest Kentucky City: ☐ County ☐ Harlan  13 Nearest Kentucky public use or Military airport:
Ali Kuzehkanani Lukas, Nace, Gutierrez & Sachs, Chtd 1650 Tysons Blvd, Suite 1500 McLean, VA 22102 T: 703-584-8667 F: 703-584-8692	Tucker Guthrie Memorial Airport  14 Distance from #13 to Structure: 2.5 ml  15 Direction from #13 to Structure: SE  16 Site Elevation (AMSL): 1,400 00 Feet
3. Application for: ⊠ New Construction □ Alteration □ Existing	17 Total Structure Height (AGL): 315.00 Feet
4 Duration: Permanent Temporary (MonthsDays)  5 Work Schedule: Start7/1/2008 End7/15/2008	18 Overall Height (#16 + #17) (AMSL): 1,715.00 Feet  19 Previous FAA and/or Kentucky Aeronautical Study Number(s):
6 Type: Antenna Tower Crane Building Power Line  Landfill Water Tank Other  7 Marking/Painting and/or Lighting Preferred:  Red Lights and Paint Dual - Red & Medium Intensity White  White - Medium Intensity Dual - Red & High Intensity White  White - High Intensity Other  8 FAA Aeronautical Study Number	Description of Location: (Attach USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle Map or an Airport layout Drawing with the precise site marked and any certified survey)  Site is located approx 0.3 mi (0.5 km) west of Dressen (Harlan), KY
21 Description of Proposal:	1
The structure will include a 300' tower with top-mounted antennas (overall 22. Has a "NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION OR ALTERATION" (FAA Form 7460-1	
⊠ No ☐ Yes, When June 19, 2008	
CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that all the above statements made by me are	true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief
Ali Kuzehkanani/DIr of Engineering Printed Name and Title	M.Camam 6/19/2008  Date
PENALTIES: Persons failing to comply with Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS 18 050:Series) are liable for fines and/or imprisonment as set forth in KRS 183 990(3) in further penalties	3.861 through 183 990) and Kentucky Administrative Regulations (602 KAR
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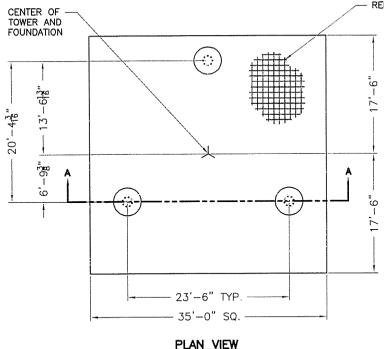
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FOUNDATION INSTALLATION/DESIGN NOTES:

1. THIS FOUNDATION IS DESIGNED TO MEET ALL STANDARDS SET FORTH BY ACI 318: AMERICAN CONCRETE INSTITUTE, BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR STRUCTURAL CONCRETE, ANSI/TIA/EIA 222—F: STRUCTURAL STANDARDS FOR STEEL ANTENNA TOWERS AND ANTENNA SUPPORTING STRUCTURES.

2. THIS FOUNDATION IS DESIGNED UTILIZING THE GEOTECHNICAL REPORT PERFORMED BY WENDELL R. HOLMES, P.G.; DATED 6-6-08; THE FOUNDATION CONTRACTOR SHALL INSTALL THE FOUNDATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERCONNENDATIONS OF THE GEOTECHNICAL REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GEOTECHNICAL REPORT.

3. ALL WORK PERFORMED FROM THESE DRAWINGS SHOULD BE BY QUALIFIED

CONTRACTORS EXPERIENCED IN TOWER FOUNDATION CONSTRUCTION.

4. ALL FOOTING EXCAVATIONS SHALL BE MANUALLY CLEANED PRIOR TO PLACING CONCRETE. COMPACT THE EXPOSED SOIL SURFACE AND ANY GRANULAR FILL UNDER THE FOUNDATION TO 95% OF THE MODIFIED PROCTOR DENSITY.

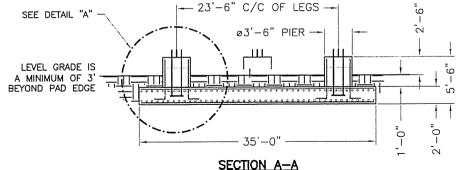
5. ALL CONCRETE SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF 3000 PSI AFTER 28 DAYS. COPIES OF THE CONCRETE CYLINDER TEST REPORTS SHALL BE SENT TO THE RESIDENT ENGINEER / INSPECTOR.

MINIMUM CONCRETE COVER FOR REINFORCING BARS SHALL BE 3".
 FIELD BENDING OR WELDING OF REINFORCEMENT BARS IS NOT PERMITTED.

 PROVIDE CHAMFERS AT ALL EXPOSED CORNERS OF CONCRETE.
 BACKFILL NEAR AND AROUND THE FOUNDATIONS SHALL BE A WELL GRADED FILL MATERIAL PLACED IN 8" THICK LAYERS THAT HAS BEEN COMPACTED TO 95% OF THE MODIFIED PROCTOR DENSITY PER ASTM D1557.

10. SOME DETAIL HAS BEEN PURPOSELY OMITTED TO CLARIFY ILLUSTRATION.

REINFORCEMENT BAR MAT

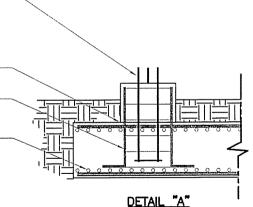


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USE EPOXY BONDING AGENT WHEN POURED SEPERATELY

(10) #9 VERTICAL BARS w/ #4 TIES AT 12" ON CENTER

(42) #9 HORIZONTAL BARS x 34'-6" LONG EQUALLY SPACED EACH WAY AT TOP AND BOTTOM OF MAT. (TOTAL = 168)



### REINFORCEMENT BAR SPLICING: 1. ALL LAP SPLICES SHALL CONFORM

TO ACI 318 REQUIREMENTS.

2. REFER TO CHART BELOW WHEN

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REINFORCING BAR SIZE	LAP SPLICE LENGTH
3	15"
4	17"
5	21"
6	26"
7	30"
8	36"
9	46"
10	58"
11	71"



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June 19, 2008

### Via U.S. Mail

EXPRESS PROCESSING CENTER
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Dear FAA Evaluator:

Enclosed is an FAA Form 7460-1 (Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration) for a new 315' communications tower structure (300' tower plus 15' antenna/lightning rod) near Dressen (Harlan), Kentucky. The site ("Dressen") is located 0.3 mi (0.5 km) west of Dressen Branch.

The proponent, East Kentucky Network, LLC, is the licensee for PCS Block A service in a portion of the Knoxville, TN Metropolitan Statistical Area ("Knoxville MTA"), Market No. 44A12. Transmit technology to be employed at this station is CDMA in the PCS Band A frequency band (1850 - 1860 MHz and 1930 - 1940 MHz); the maximum ERP is 500 Watts.

The transmitting systems at this site will be installed and maintained such that transmitter spurious radiation in the frequency range of 118 MHz to 137 MHz is attenuated at least 71 dB below the unmodulated carrier level.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at the above identified telephone number.

Sincerely

Ali Kuzehkanani

Director of Engineering

Enclosure

cc: East Kentucky Network, LLC

Attention: Marty Thacker and Gerald Robinett

### Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration - Off Airport

Project Name: EAST -000097370-08 Sponsor: East Kentucky Network, LLC

### **Details for Case: Dressen**

Show Project Summary

Case Status						
ASN: 2008-ASO-	3428-OE	Date Accepted:	06/19/2008			
Status: Accepted		Date Determined:				
		Letters:	None			
Construction / Alterat	ion Information	Structure Summa	ry			
Notice Of:	Construction	Structure Type:	Tower			
Duration:	Permanent	Structure Name:	Dressen			
if Temporar	y: Months: Days:	FCC Number:				
Work Schedule - Start:	07/01/2008	Prior ASN:				
Work Schedule - End:	07/15/2008					
State Filing:	Filed with State					
Structure Details		Common Frequen	cy Bands			
Latitude:	36° 49' 50.60" N	Low Freq 806	High Freq 824	Freq Unit MHz	ERP 500	ERP U
Longitude:	83° 19' 44.50" W	824	849	MHz	500	W
Horizontal Datum:	NAD83	851 869	866 894	MHz MHz	500 500	w
		896	901	MHz	500	w
Site Elevation (SE):	1400 (nearest foot)	901	902	MHz	7	W
Structure Height (AGL):	315 (nearest foot)	930	931	MHz	3500	w
	,	931 932	932 932.5	MHz MHz	3500 17	dBW
Marking/Lighting:	Dual-red and medium intensity	935	940	MHz	1000	w
Other :		940	941	MHz	3500	W
NI 0'1	December	1850	1910	MHz	1640	w
Nearest City:	Dressen	1930 2305	1990 2310	MHz MHz	1640 2000	w
Nearest State:	Kentucky	2345	2360	MHz	2000	w
Description of Location:	Site is located approx. 0.3 mi (0.5 km) west of Dressen (Harlan), KY	Specific Frequencies				
Description of A new 300' tower plus top-mounted antennas (overall height of 315' AGL)						

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# EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK, LLC DBA APPALACHIAN WIRELESS

FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 2006



### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members East Kentucky Network, LLC dba Appalachian Wireless Ivel, Kentucky 41642

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of East Kentucky Network, LLC, dba Appalachian Wireless as of December 31, 2006 and 2005 and the related statements of income, members' equity and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of East Kentucky Network, LLC, dba Appalachian Wireless as of December 31, 2006 and 2005 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Louisville, Kentucky March 15, 2007

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# EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK, LLC DBA APPALACHIAN WIRELESS

# BALANCE SHEETS December 31, 2006 and 2005

CURRENT ASSETS       \$ 2,818,346       \$ 1,046,669         Short-term investments       46,271       43,803         Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$567,790 in 2006 and \$375,856 in 2005       2,802,673       1,560,267         Accounts receivable, members (Notes 5 and 6)       37,612       3,149         USF receivable (Note 7)        589,913         Inventory       1,584,039       1,056,766         Promit averages       1,732,667       1,425,647	ASSETS	2006	2005
Cash and cash equivalents       \$ 2,818,346       \$ 1,046,669         Short-term investments       46,271       43,803         Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$567,790 in 2006 and \$375,856 in 2005       2,802,673       1,560,267         Accounts receivable, members (Notes 5 and 6)       37,612       3,149         USF receivable (Note 7)       589,913         Inventory       1,584,039       1,056,766	CURRENT ASSETS		
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rrepaid expenses 1/3,05/ 143,34/	Prepaid expenses	173,657	143,547
Total current assets \$ 7,462,598 \$ 4,444,114.			
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PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Note 3)  Plant in service:			
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General support       \$ 18,914,927       \$ 10,633,736         MTSO equipment       13,354,875       11,934,434			
Cell equipment 39,339,797 34,785,982			
Paging equipment 3,321,068 3,320,416	, ,		• •
Fiber ring 6,471,128 6,245,412			, ,
Unfinished plant 657,524 3,992,696_			
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	0.777		
OTHER ASSETS			
Investment in affiliated company, RTFC (Note 3) \$ 862,394 \$ 875,133		\$ 862,394	\$ 875,133
Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization			055
of \$2,646,913 in 2006 and \$2,179,654 in 2005 (Note 2) 4,497,032 4,623,855		, ,	, ,
Other 27,550 28,669	Other		
\$ 5,386,976 \$ 5,527,657		\$ 5,386,976	\$ 5,527,657
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LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	2006	2005
CURRENT LIABILITIES  Current maturities of long-term debt (Note 3)  Accounts payable  Accounts payable, member (Notes 5 and 6)  Accrued expenses  Accrued state corporation taxes  Customer deposits  Total current liabilities	\$ 1,200,000 1,166,909 2,899 2,113,530 232,157 317,603 \$ 5,033,098	\$ 48,033 851,643 2,936 1,457,463 85,989 291,380 \$ 2,737,444
LONG-TERM DEBT, less current maturities (Note 3) MEMBERS' EQUITY	13,000,000 43,517,729	13,297,220 37,038,843

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<u>\$ 61.550,827</u> <u>\$ 53.073.507</u>

# EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK, LLC DBA APPALACHIAN WIRELESS

# STATEMENTS OF INCOME Years Ended December 31, 2006 and 2005

	2006	2005
REVENUE		* ** ** **
Retail	\$ 24,156,320	\$ 20,908,570
Roamer	6,964,309	6,868,904
Long distance	155,046	177,350
Paging	852,011	1,039,429
Equipment sales, cellular	2,922,817	2,152,962
Equipment sales, paging	27,894	57,632
Other	3,065,078	2,359,809
Total revenue	\$ 38,143,475	\$ 33,564,656
EXPENSES	ф. <i>д</i> 200 446	m 7.024.552
Cost of cellular service	\$ 7,888,446	\$ 7,924,553
Cost of paging service	411,177	510,665
Cost of equipment sales, cellular	6,813,457	4,912,998
Cost of equipment sales, paging	58,755	78,428
Customer service	1,330,573	1,208,726
Billing	1,097,834	1,200,135
Selling	2,703,570	2,131,009
Maintenance	1,267,034	1,042,844
Utilities	454,008	354,870
Bad debts	800,268	672,263
Recovery of bad debts	(90,925)	(120,673)
Cell site rental	158,500	135,012
Taxes	565,271	257,247
Advertising	1,574,298	1,139,697
General and administrative	2,238,348	2,249,226
Occupancy	334,981	359,928
Depreciation Depreciation	5,541,628	4,635,200
Amortization	508,526	495,241
Total expenses	\$ 33,655,749	\$ 29,187,369
Income from operations	\$ 4,487,726	\$ 4,377,287
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)		
Interest income	\$ 49,052	\$ 23,915
Interest expense	(821,277)	(795,898)
Universal Service Fund income (Note 7)	3,716,602	589,913
Impairment of goodwill (Note 8)		(331,286)
	\$ 2,944,377	\$ (513,356)
Income before taxes	\$ 7,432,103	\$ 3,863,931
Kentucky corporation tax expense	399,157	170,197
Net income	<u>\$ 7.032,946</u>	\$ 3.693.734

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

# EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK, LLC DBA APPALACHIAN WIRELESS

# STATEMENTS OF MEMBERS' EQUITY Years Ended December 31, 2006 and 2005

	Cellular Services,	Gearhart Communi- cations Company,	Mountain Tele- communi- cations,	Thacker- Grigsby Telephone	Peoples Rural Telephone Coop- erative Corp- oration,	í
	Inc.	Inc.	Inc.	Co., Inc.	Inc.	Total
Balance, January 1, 2005 Net income Capital distributions	\$ 6,781,309 738,747 (112,287)	\$ 6,781,309 738,747 (112,287)	\$ 6,781,309 738,747 (112,287)	\$ 6,781,309 738,746 (112,287)	\$ 6,781,308 738,747 (112,287)	\$33,906,544 3,693,734 (561,435)
·Balance, December 31, 2005 Net income	\$ 7,407,769 1,406,589	\$ 7,407,769 1,406,589	\$ 7,407,769 1,406,589	\$ 7,407,768 1,406,590	\$ 7,407,768 1,406,589	\$37,038,843 7,032,946
Capital distributions Balance, December 31, 2006	\$ 8,703,546	\$ 8,703,546	\$ 8,703,546	\$ 8,703,546	\$ 8,703,545	(554,060) \$43,517,729

# EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK, LLC DBA APPALACHIAN WIRELESS

# STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS Years Ended December 31, 2006 and 2005

	2006	2005
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	\$ 7,032,946	\$ 3,693,734
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided		
by operating activities:	5 541 600	1 (25 200
Depreciation Amortization	5,541,628	4,635,200 495,241
Amortization Impairment of goodwill	508,526	331,286
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects		331,200
of investing and financing activities:		
(Increase) in accounts receivable	(1,242,406)	(78,367)
Decrease in accounts receivable, members	(34,463)	51,248
(Increase) decrease in USF receivable	589,913	(589,913)
(Increase) in inventory	(527,273)	(230,130)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	(30,110)	5,012
(Increase) decrease in other assets	13,858	(646)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	315,266	(291,123)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable, member	(37)	2,332
Increase in accrued expenses	656,067	339,038
Increase in accrued state corporation taxes	146,168	85,989
Increase in customer deposits	26,223	139,030
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 12,996,306	\$ 8,587,931
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	\$ (11,182,411)	\$ (11,469,668)
Purchase of intangible assets	(340,437)	(299,159)
Proceeds from sale of short-term investments	(2,468)	56,197
Net cash (used in) investing activities	\$ (11,525,316)	\$ (11,712,630)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Capital distributions	\$ (554,060)	\$ (561,435)
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	14,200,000	3,450,000
Payments on long-term borrowings	(13,345,253)	(832,731)
Net cash provided by financing activities	\$ 300,687	\$ 2,055,834
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,771,677	\$ (1,068,865)
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Beginning	1,046,669	2,115,534
Ending	\$ 2.818.346	<u>\$ 1.046.669</u>

# EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK, LLC DBA APPALACHIAN WIRELESS

# STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Continued) Years Ended December 31, 2006 and 2005

	2006	2005
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION  Cash payments for interest	\$ 866.941	\$ 788.610
Cash payments for state corporation taxes	\$ 167,000	\$ 84,207
. SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES Settlement of note payable from impairment of goodwill	\$	\$ 400,000
Settlement of accrued interest from impairment of goodwill	\$	\$ 56,000

#### EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK, LLC DBA APPALACHIAN WIRELESS

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### · Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Nature of operations

East Kentucky Network, LLC, dba Appalachian Wireless, is a Kentucky limited liability company formed by the merger of Appalachian Cellular, LLC, Mountaineer Cellular, LLC and East Kentucky Network, LLC on January 1, 2000. The Company is engaged in cellular telephone communications and paging services to residential and commercial customers located in eastern Kentucky. The Company's five members consist of Cellular Services, Inc.; Gearheart Communications Company, Inc.; Mountain Telecommunications, Inc.; Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; and Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Co., Inc.

#### Cash

The Company maintains its cash balances, which exceed the \$100,000 federally insured limit, with several financial institutions. These financial institutions have strong credit ratings and management believes that credit risk related to the accounts is minimal.

#### Cash equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers temporary investments having a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### Short-term investments

Certificates of deposit having original maturities between three and nine months are classified as short-term investments, are carried at cost, which approximates fair value, and are held to maturity.

#### Inventory

Inventory is composed of cellular telephone equipment, paging equipment, and accessories purchased for resale during the ordinary course of business. The inventory is valued at the lower of cost or market, cost being determined by the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method.

#### Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

#### Investment

The investment in affiliated company is composed of equity certificates in Rural Telephone Finance Cooperative and is reported at cost, which approximates fair value.

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### Intangible assets

The customer lists, non-compete agreements, FCC licenses, and use of name are recorded at cost and are being amortized over 15 years by the straight-line method. The excess cost over the fair value of the net assets acquired (goodwill) related to paging acquisitions is measured for impairment on an annual basis, and written down, if necessary, to its estimated value at that time. During the prior year, the Company expensed the remaining balance of goodwill as an impairment (see Note 8).

#### Recognition of revenue

Cellular service and paging revenues are recognized when earned. Monthly access and feature charges are billed one month in advance and recognized as revenue the following month. Revenue from telephone and accessories sold are recognized as revenue upon delivery to the customer.

#### Advertising

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, these costs were \$1,574,298 and \$1,139,697, respectively.

#### Income taxes

Under existing provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, the income or loss of a limited liability company is recognized by the members for income tax purposes. Accordingly, no provision for federal income taxes has been provided for in the accompanying financial statements. Effective for years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, the State of Kentucky enacted legislation which now provides for the taxation of limited liability companies' at the entity level. The accompanying financial statements include the related state tax liability under the new regulations.

#### Use of estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses.

Note 2. Intangible Assets

Intangible assets consist of the following at December 31, 2006:

	Manager 77 March	Gross Amount	Accumulated Amortization
Customer lists	\$	5,363,530	\$ (2,152,951)
Non-compete agreements	•	220,348	(121,577)
FCC licenses		1,141,593	(330,542)
Use of name		10,000	(4,334)
Other		408,474	(37,509)
	\$	7,143,945	\$ (2,646,913)

Intangible assets consist of the following at December 31, 2005:

•	 Gross Accumula Amount Amortiza	
Customer lists	\$ 5,363,530	\$ (1,795,634)
Non-compete agreements	220,348	(106,898)
FCC licenses	1,141,593	(264,446)
Use of name	10,000	(3,668)
Other	68,038	(9,008)
	\$ 6,803,509	\$ (2,179,654)

Aggregate amortization expense related to these intangible assets for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 totaled \$467,259 and \$437,982, respectively. The following represents the total estimated amortization of intangible assets for each of the succeeding five years:

#### Year ending December 31:

2006	\$ 450,000
2007	450,000
2008	450,000
2009	450,000
2010	450,000

Note 3. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt consists of the following at December 31:

	2006	2005
Note payable, Fifth Third Bank (a)		
Dated 02/28/06, variable rate		
(5.41% at 12/31/06)	\$ 14,200,000	\$
Notes payable, RTFC (b)		
Dated 11/13/97, variable rate		
Paid in full 03/01/06		194,957
Dated 11/13/97, variable rate		
Paid in full 03/01/06	34\$ - 156	899,406
Dated 11/13/97, fixed rate		
Paid in full 03/01/06		727,521
Dated 12/31/98, fixed rate		
Paid in full 03/01/06	···	618,521
Dated 02/13/01, variable rate		
Paid in full 03/01/06		786,457
Dated 02/13/01, variable rate		
Paid in full 03/01/06		932,200
Dated 07/27/01, variable rate		
Paid in full 03/01/06		2,845,311
Lines of Credit, RTFC		
Line of credit, variable rate (c)		
Paid in full 03/01/06		5,000,000
Line of credit, variable rate (d)		
Paid in full 03/01/06		1,750,000
Line of Credit, Fifth Third Bank (e)		
Due 03/28/08, variable rate		
(5.41% at 12/31/06)	Manager and the second	
,	<u> </u>	<u>\$ 13,754,373</u>

- (a) On February 28, 2006, the Company borrowed \$14,200,000 to restructure its debt. The note is payable in 10 annual installments of \$1,200,000 for 2007, \$1,400,000 for 2008 through 2012, and \$1,500,000 for 2013 through 2016, with a variable interest rate. The note is collateralized by the assets of the Company.
- (b) The notes payable to Rural Telephone Finance Cooperative (RTFC) were secured by mortgage and security agreements that include substantially all of the assets of the Company. In addition, the Company was required to purchase equity certificates in RTFC equal to 5% of the total amounts borrowed. The notes were payable in quarterly installments over 15 years with interest at variable or fixed rates set by RTFC. The notes were paid in full on March 1, 2006.

#### Note 3. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

- (c) The line of credit agreement with RTFC provided for borrowings up to \$5,000,000. The agreement carried an interest rate at prime, plus one and one-half percent, was unsecured and was renewed June 28, 2004 for 24 months. The line of credit was paid in full on March 1, 2006.
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# EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK, LLC DBA APPALACHIAN WIRELESS

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# · Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Nature of operations

East Kentucky Network, LLC, dba Appalachian Wireless, is a Kentucky limited liability company formed by the merger of Appalachian Cellular, LLC, Mountaineer Cellular, LLC and East Kentucky Network, LLC on January 1, 2000. The Company is engaged in cellular telephone communications and paging services to residential and commercial customers located in eastern Kentucky. The Company's five members consist of Cellular Services, Inc.; Gearheart Communications Company, Inc.; Mountain Telecommunications, Inc.; Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; and Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Co., Inc.

#### Cash

The Company maintains its cash balances, which exceed the \$100,000 federally insured limit, with several financial institutions. These financial institutions have strong credit ratings and management believes that credit risk related to the accounts is minimal.

#### Cash equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers temporary investments having a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### Short-term investments

Certificates of deposit having original maturities between three and nine months are classified as short-term investments, are carried at cost, which approximates fair value, and are held to maturity.

#### Inventory

Inventory is composed of cellular telephone equipment, paging equipment, and accessories purchased for resale during the ordinary course of business. The inventory is valued at the lower of cost or market, cost being determined by the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method.

#### Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

#### Investment

The investment in affiliated company is composed of equity certificates in Rural Telephone Finance Cooperative and is reported at cost, which approximates fair value.

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### Intangible assets

The customer lists, non-compete agreements, FCC licenses, and use of name are recorded at cost and are being amortized over 15 years by the straight-line method. The excess cost over the fair value of the net assets acquired (goodwill) related to paging acquisitions is measured for impairment on an annual basis, and written down, if necessary, to its estimated value at that time. During the prior year, the Company expensed the remaining balance of goodwill as an impairment (see Note 8).

#### Recognition of revenue

Cellular service and paging revenues are recognized when earned. Monthly access and feature charges are billed one month in advance and recognized as revenue the following month. Revenue from telephone and accessories sold are recognized as revenue upon delivery to the customer.

#### Advertising

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. At December 31, 2006 and 2005, these costs were \$1,574,298 and \$1,139,697, respectively.

#### Income taxes

Under existing provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, the income or loss of a limited liability company is recognized by the members for income tax purposes. Accordingly, no provision for federal income taxes has been provided for in the accompanying financial statements. Effective for years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, the State of Kentucky enacted legislation which now provides for the taxation of limited liability companies' at the entity level. The accompanying financial statements include the related state tax liability under the new regulations.

#### Use of estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses.

Note 2. Intangible Assets

Intangible assets consist of the following at December 31, 2006:

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Customer lists Non-compete agreements	\$ 5,363,530 220,348	\$ (2,152,951) (121,577)
FCC licenses	1,141,593	(330,542)
Use of name	10,000	(4,334)
Other	 408,474	(37,509)
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Other	 68,038	(9,008)
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Aggregate amortization expense related to these intangible assets for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 totaled \$467,259 and \$437,982, respectively. The following represents the total estimated amortization of intangible assets for each of the succeeding five years:

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2007	450,000
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	2006	2005
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Dated 02/28/06, variable rate		
(5.41% at 12/31/06)	\$ 14,200,000	\$
Notes payable, RTFC (b)		
Dated 11/13/97, variable rate		
Paid in full 03/01/06	***	194,957
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Paid in full 03/01/06	198 mile	899,406
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Dated 12/31/98, fixed rate		
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Paid in full 03/01/06		1,750,000
Line of Credit, Fifth Third Bank (e)		
Due 03/28/08, variable rate	~ ~	* **
(5.41% at 12/31/06)	-	
•	\$	\$ 13,754,373

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Directions were written by,

Marty Thacker Appalachian Wireless 606-438-2355 Ext 111 (office) 606-634-9505 (Cell Phone) m.thacker@tgtel.com (email)

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# DEED OF CONVEYANCE

THIS DEED OF CONVEYANCE made and entered into this Albary day of May 1, 2008, by and between Brothers Hardware and Building Supply, Inc., a Kentucky Corporation, P. O. Box 512, Harlan, Kentucky 40831, referred to hereinafter as GRANTOR, and East Kentucky Network, LLC., a Kentucky Limited Liability Company, 101 Technology Trail, Ivel, Kentucky 41642, referred to hereinafter as GRANTEE.

WITNESSETH: That for the consideration of \$40,000.00, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the GRANTOR does hereby grant, sell and convey unto the GRANTEE, its successors and assigns forever, all of its right, title and interest in and to that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Harlan County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract of land located in the City of Harlan, Harlan County, Kentucky, and being near the end of the Ridge North of the confluence of Catron Creek and Martins Fork of Clover Fork of the Cumberland River, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a set T/T-Bar on the boundary line between Brothers Construction and Sally M. Barr, Charles M. Ray, Dorothy H. Kirby, Stanford Bruce Hendrickson and Carolyn H. Wilson (D.B. 316, P. 43) and being S 58° 23' 02" W 23.56' from a found Re-Bar with cap stamped DKW 2729 and having KY South NAD 83 Coordinates of N-1,830,615.17 E-2,348,907.06; thence, running down the hill and severing the land of Brothers Construction, Inc. S 31° 36' 58" E a distance of 100.00' to a Mag Nail with a metal cap stamped Summit, L.S. #2661 set in a lead plug in a rock out cropping; thence, around the hill S 58° 23' 02" W a distance of 100.00' to a set T/T-Bar; thence, up the hill N 31° 36' 58" W a distance of 100.00' to a Mag Nail with a metal cap stamped Summit, L.S. #2661 set in a rock on the line of Sally M. Barr, Charles M. Ray, Dorothy H. Kirby, Stanford Bruce Hendrickson and Carolyn H. Wilson and being on the ridge; thence, with said line down the ridge N 58° 23' 02" E a distance of 100.00' to the point of beginning and containing 0.23 acres more or less according to a survey conducted by personnel under the direct supervision of Steven E. Haywood, PLS #2661 with Summit Engineering, Inc. on April 23, 2008.

Unless stated otherwise any monument referred to herein as a T/T-Bar is a steel T-Bar having three radial arms of one-half inch and is 18 inches in length, with a metal cap stamped Summit Engineering, L.S. #2661. All bearings stated herein are Grid North and are based on a GPS observation taken at the site.

Also, granted to Grantee is a right of way easement for purposes of ingress and egress across the existing road located on property of Grantor.

- 1) Being part of the property conveyed by that certain deed dated December 10, 1996, from Ball Farm Incorporated, by its Successor, Har-Co Fuels, Incorporated, a Kentucky Corporation, to Brothers Construction, Inc., recorded in the office of the Harlan County Clerk, Harlan, Kentucky, in Deed Book 327, at page 359.
- 2) Articles of Merger effective December 31, 2000, Brothers Construction Inc. Brothers Hardware and Building Supply, Inc., recorded in said Clerk's office in Corporation Book 20, page 667.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all of the hereinabove described real property, together with the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the GRANTEE, its successors and assigns forever. The GRANTOR hereby covenants to and with the GRANTEE that it is lawfully seized in fee simple of said property, that it has good right to sell and convey same as herein done, that its title to said property is clear, perfect, and unencumbered, and that it will warrant generally the said title.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the GRANTOR has hereunto executed said deed by and through its duly authorized officer as of the day and year first above written.

BROTHERS HARDWARE AND BUILDING SUPPLY, INC. , GRANTOR

Britt Blanton, President

#### **CONSIDERATION CERTIFICATE**

We, the GRANTOR and GRANTEE, to the above Deed, hereby certify that the

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consideration paid by the GRANTEE to the GRANTOR reflected above in this deed is \$40,000.00, and is the full consideration paid for the subject property.

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BROTHERS HARDWARE AND BUILDING SUPPLY, INC., GRANTOR

EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK, LLC,

Gerald F. Robinette, Manager

# STATE OF KENTUCKY)

# COUNTY OF HARLAN )

This Deed of Conveyance and Consideration Certificate was on this  $2^{5'}$  day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, produced before me and duly signed, acknowledged and sworn to by Brothers Hardware and Building Supply, Inc., a Kentucky Corporation, (successor by merger to Brothers Construction, Inc.) by and through its President, Britt Blanton, GRANTOR herein.

My Commission Expires:  $\sqrt{-28-09}$ 

## STATE OF KENTUCKY)

## **COUNTY OF FLOYD**

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# CONTAINS LARGE OR OVERSIZED MAP(S)

RECEIVED ON: July 30, 2008