COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



In the matter of:

| THE APPLICATION OF EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK |) |
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| LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FOR THE ISSUANCE |) |
| OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND |) CASE No 2009-00453 |
| NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A TOWER IN JOHNSON |) |
| COUNTY, KENTUCKY). | · |

East Kentucky Network, LLC, d/b/a Appalachian Wireless, was granted authorization to provide cellular service in the KY-9 Cellular Market Area (CMA451) by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). FCC license is included as Exhibit 1. 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 Johnson 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 300 foot self-supporting tower on a tract of land approximately 4.7 miles north northeast of Paintsville in Johnson County, Kentucky (37°52'54.63"N 82°47'09.64"W). A map and detailed directions to the site can be found in Exhibit 8.

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 Network's property.

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:063 Section 1 (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.

Johnson County has no formal local planning unit. In absence of this unit the Johnson 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 3 is a copy of that notification.

Notice of the location of the proposed construction was published in the Paintsville Herald's April 30th, May 5th, 7th & 12th, 2010 editions. Enclosed is a copy of that notice in Exhibit 3. The Paintsville Herald is the newspaper with the largest circulation in Johnson County.

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 4.

A copy of the tower design information is enclosed as Exhibit 5. The proposed tower has been designed by engineers at Allstate 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 S & S Tower Services of St. Albans, West Virginia. S & S Tower Services has vast experience in the erection of communications towers.

FAA and Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission approvals are included as Exhibit 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.

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

Estimated Cost of Construction \$ 350,000.00 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 April 19, 2010 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 deed to the site.

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.

Enclosed, and filed as Exhibit 10 is a survey of the proposed tower site signed by a Kentucky registered professional engineer.

Exhibit 12 contains a vertical sketch of the tower supplied by Summit Engineering.

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 Lynn Haney, Compliance Coordinator for East Kentucky Network, LLC 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

_ DATE: <u>5/24</u>

Lynn Haney, Compliance Coordinator

APPROVED BY:

DATE: 5-24-10

Gerald Robinette, General Manager

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Email: lhaney@ekn.com

Mailing Address:

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

Cellular License - KNKN880 - East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a **Appalachian Wireless**

Call Sign

KNKN880

Radio Service

CL - Cellular

Status

Active

Auth Type

Regular

Market

Market

CMA451 - Kentucky 9 - Elliott

Channel Block В

Submarket

Phase

2

Dates

Grant

08/28/2001

Expiration

Cancellation

10/01/2011

Effective 11/11/2009 **Five Year Buildout Date**

10/23/1996

Control Points 1

U.S. 23, HAROLD, KY

Licensee

FRN

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Type

Limited Liability Company

Licensee

East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian

Wireless

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ATTN Gerald Robinette, Manager

P:(606)477-2355 F:(606)874-7551

Contact

Lukas, Nace, Gutierrez & Sachs, LLP

Pamela L Gist Esq 8300 Greensboro Drive McLean, VA 22102

P:(703)584-8665 F:(703)584-8695 E:pgist@fcclaw.com

Ownership and Qualifications

Radio Service

Mobile

Type

Regulatory Status Common Carrier

Interconnected

Yes

Alien Ownership

The Applicant answered "No" to each of the Alien Ownership questions.

Basic Qualifications

The Applicant answered "No" to each of the Basic Qualification questions.

Demographics

Race

Ethnicity Gender

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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)(1) 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.

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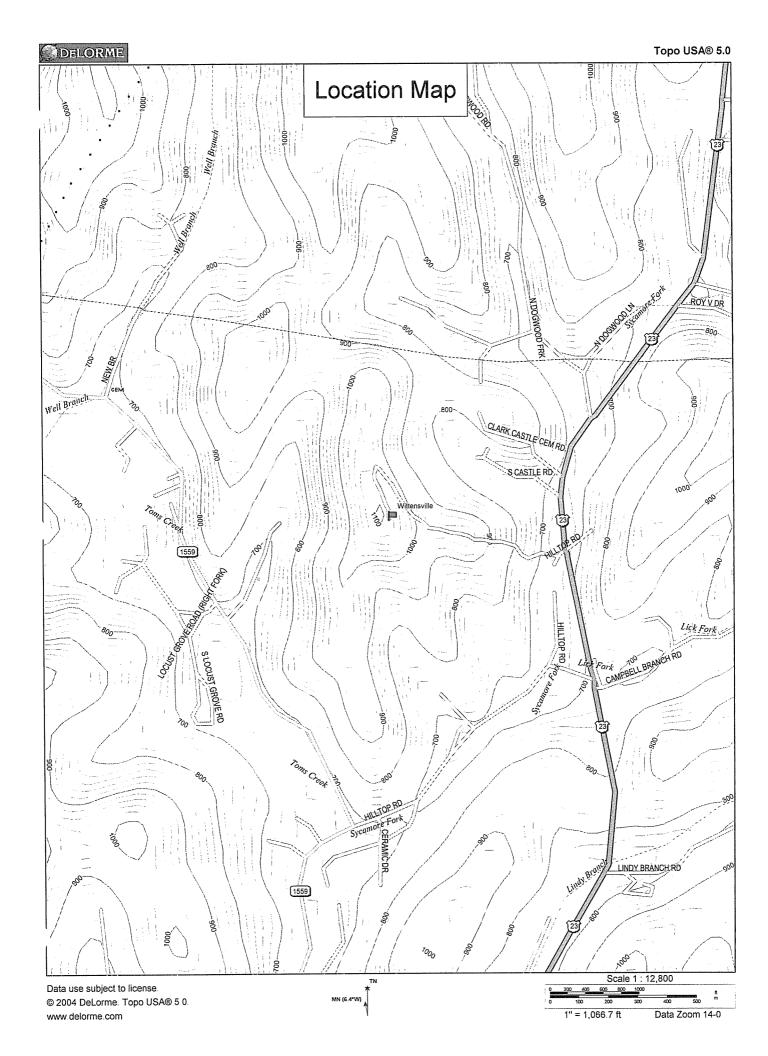
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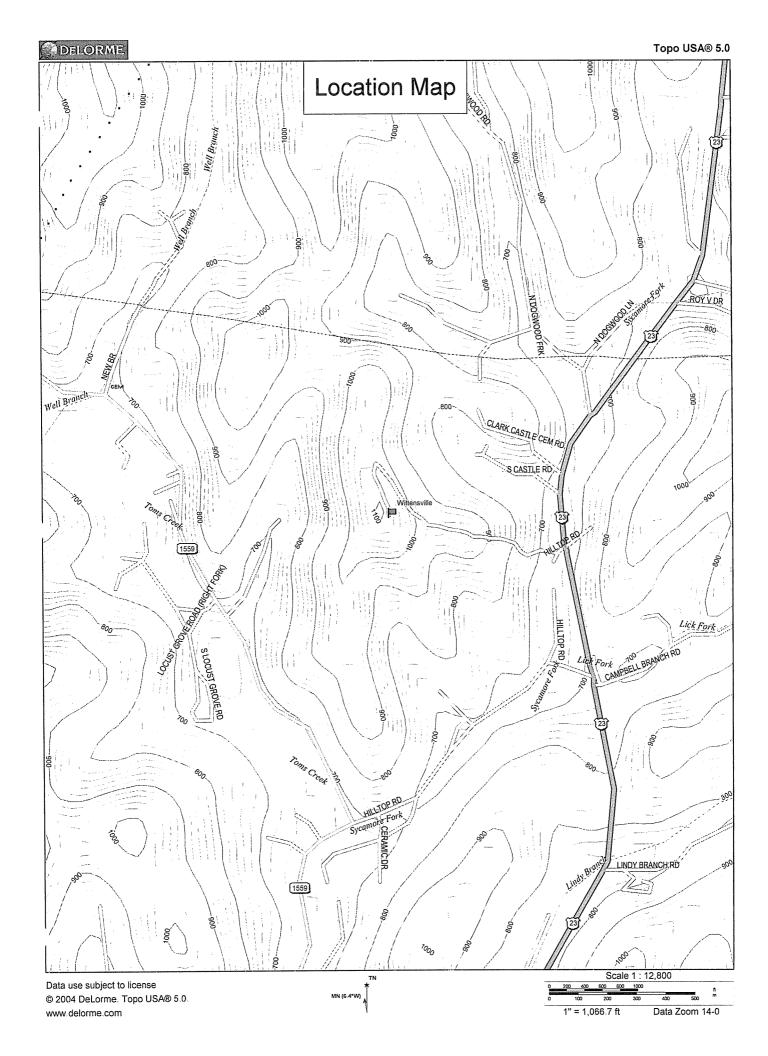
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To: The Paintsville Herald From: Lynn Haney
Staff Accountant

Date: April 27, 2010

Re: PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT Pages: 1 (including this cover)

Please place the following Public Notice Advertisement in the Paintsville Herald for the next two weeks.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

RE: Public Service Commission of Kentucky (CASE NO. 2009-00453)

Public Notice is hereby given that East Kentucky Network, LLC, dba Appalachian Wireless has applied to the Kentucky Public Service Commission to construct a cellular telecommunications tower on a tract of land located approximately 4.7 miles NNE of Paintsville in Johnson County, Kentucky. The proposed tower will be a 300 foot self-supporting tower with attached antennas. If you would like to respond to this notice, please contact the Executive Director, Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, PO Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. Please refer to Case No. 2009-00453.

If you have any questions about the placement of the above mentioned notice, please call me at 606-791-2375, ext. 1007.

Thank you,

Lynn Haney Staff Accountant

The message above and the information contained in the documents transmitted are confidential and intended only for the person(s) named above. Dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication by anyone other than the person(s) named above is prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please notify us immediately by telephone and return the original message to us at the address listed above via regular mail. Thank you.

Lynn Haney

From:

Lynn Haney [lhaney@ekn.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, April 27, 2010 9:09 AM

To:

'bookkeeping@paintsvilleherald.com'

Subject:

Public Notice Advertisement

Attachments: Public Notice Advertisement.doc

I have attached a public notice advertisement to be ran for 2 consecutive weeks. It should run in the April 30, May 5, 7 & 12 editions.

You can send the bill to the following address:

Appalachian Wireless Attn: Lynn Haney 101 Technology Trail Ivel, KY 41642

Please send confirmation that you have received this ad.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank You,

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WENDELL R. HOLMES, P.G.

120 Church Street Whitesburg, KY 41858 (606) 438-7250

April, 19, 2010

Wittensville Tower SIte

Purpose:

A site assessment was conducted for Appalachian Wireless on a tract of land located in Johnson County. The site of the proposed tower is now a forestland. 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 the type of bedrock material at the proposed tower site. A Caterpillar 320 excavator was used to expose the bedrock material. It is approximately 4 feet to the sandstone bedrock. (See attached page for descriptions of materials encountered.) The tower is located in the Big Sandy River Valley.

The terrain in Johnson County is moderately to very steep. 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 Breathitt Formation, and is middle to lower 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 Wendell R. Holmes, P.G. Wendell R. Wendell R. Holmes, P.G. Wendell R. Wendell generally accepted methods in the practice of geological science.

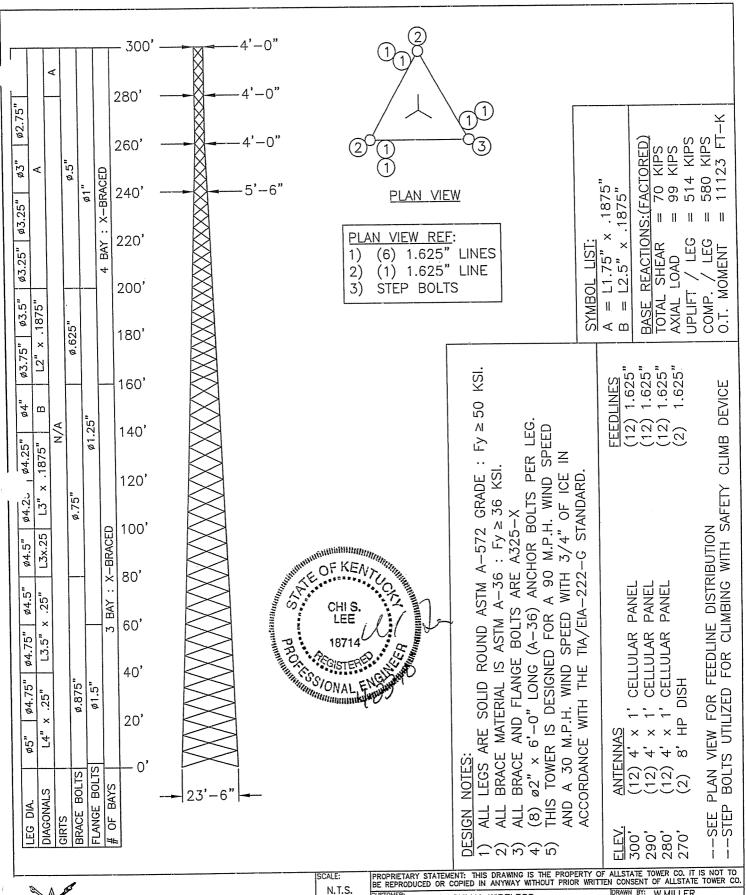
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Geologist Log

Location: Wittensville Tower Site

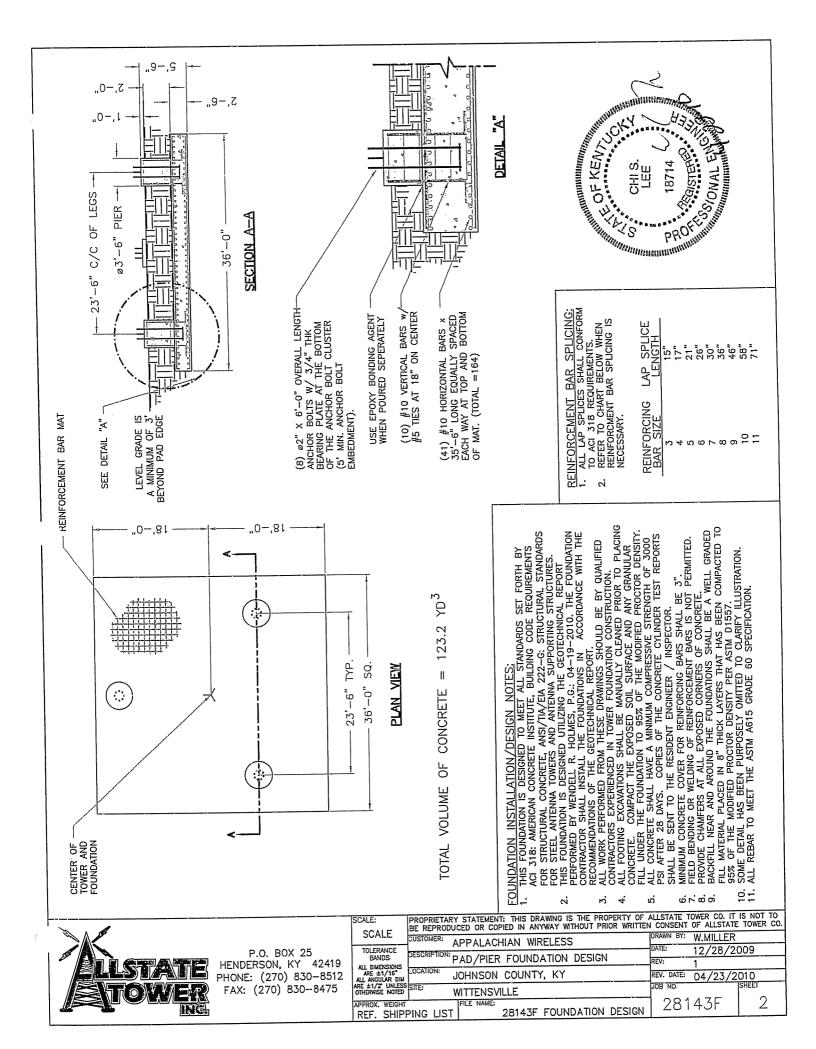
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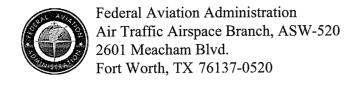




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| | BANDS ALL DIMENSIONS | DESCRIPTION. | 300' SELF | SUPPOR | TOWER | | REV: | REV. NO |). | |
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| | ARE ±1/2 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED | SITE: | WITTENSVILI | LE | | | JOB NO. | | SHEET | |
| | APPROX. WEIGHT | | PROPOSAL #: 28143F - | - SELF : | SUPPORT | TOWER | 281 | 43F | A | |
| | 00.00 101 | | 1 == | | | | | | | |
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Issued Date: 12/23/2009

Ali Kuzehkanani East Kentucky Network, LLC 8300 Greensboro Drive, Suite 1200 McLean, VA 22102

** DETERMINATION OF NO HAZARD TO AIR NAVIGATION **

The Federal Aviation Administration has conducted an aeronautical study under the provisions of 49 U.S.C., Section 44718 and if applicable Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 77, concerning:

Structure: Antenna Tower Wittensville

Location: Wittensville, KY

Latitude: 37-52-54.60N NAD 83

Longitude: 82-47-09.60W

Heights: 310 feet above ground level (AGL)

1410 feet above mean sea level (AMSL)

This aeronautical study revealed that the structure does not exceed obstruction standards and would not be a hazard to air navigation provided the following condition(s), if any, is(are) met:

As a condition to this Determination, the structure is marked and/or lighted in accordance with FAA Advisory circular 70/7460-1 K Change 2, Obstruction Marking and Lighting, a med-dual system - Chapters 4,8(M-Dual),&12.

It is required that FAA Form 7460-2, Notice of Actual Construction or Alteration, be completed and returned to this office any time the project is abandoned or:

| | At least 10 days prior to start of construction (7460-2, Part 1) | |
|---|--|-----|
| X | Within 5 days after the construction reaches its greatest height (7460-2, Part | II) |

While the structure does not constitute a hazard to air navigation, it would be located within or near a military training area and/or route.

This determination expires on 06/23/2011 unless:

- (a) extended, revised or terminated by the issuing office.
- (b) the construction is subject to the licensing authority of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and an application for a construction permit has been filed, as required by the FCC, within 6 months of the date of this determination. In such case, the determination expires on the date prescribed by the FCC for completion of construction, or the date the FCC denies the application.

NOTE: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF THIS DETERMINATION MUST BE POSTMARKED OR DELIVERED TO THIS OFFICE AT LEAST 15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE.

This determination is based, in part, on the foregoing description which includes specific coordinates, heights, frequency(ies) and power. Any changes in coordinates, heights, and frequencies or use of greater power will void this determination. Any future construction or alteration, including increase to heights, power, or the addition of other transmitters, requires separate notice to the FAA.

This determination does include temporary construction equipment such as cranes, derricks, etc., which may be used during actual construction of the structure. However, this equipment shall not exceed the overall heights as indicated above. Equipment which has a height greater than the studied structure requires separate notice to the FAA.

This determination concerns the effect of this structure on the safe and efficient use of navigable airspace by aircraft and does not relieve the sponsor of compliance responsibilities relating to any law, ordinance, or regulation of any Federal, State, or local government body.

A copy of this determination will be forwarded to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) because the structure is subject to their licensing authority.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact our office at (847) 294 7575. On any future correspondence concerning this matter, please refer to Aeronautical Study Number 2009-ASO-7143-OE.

Signature Control No: 670820-121056224

(DNE)

Vivian Vilaro Specialist

Attachment(s)
Frequency Data

cc: FCC

Frequency Data for ASN 2009-ASO-7143-OE

| LOW FREQUENCY | HIGH FREQUENCY | FREQUENCY UNIT | ERP | ERP UNIT |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------|-------------|
| | | | | |
| 806 | 824 | MHz | 500 | W |
| 824 | 849 | MHz | 500 | W |
| 851 | 866 | MHz | 500 | W |
| 869 | 894 | MHz | 500 | W |
| 896 | 901 | MHz | 500 | W |
| 901 | 902 | MHz | 7 | W |
| 930 | 931 | MHz | 3500 | W |
| 931 | 932 | MHz | 3500 | W |
| 932 | 932.5 | MHz | 17 | dBW |
| 935 | 940 | MHz | 1000 | W |
| 940 | 941 | MHz | 3500 | W |
| 1850 | 1910 | MHz | 1640 | W |
| 1930 | 1990 | MHz | 1640 | W |
| 2305 | 2310 | MHz | 2000 | W |
| 2345 | 2360 | MHz | 2000 | W |



KENTUCKY AIRPORT ZONING COMMISSION

STEVEN BESHEAR Governor

90 Airport Road, Bldg 400 FRANKFORT, KY

www.transportation.ky.gov/aviation 502 564-4480

January 20, 2010

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION

APPLICANT:

East Kentucky Network, LLC. 8300 Greensboro Drive Suite 1200 McLean, VA 22102

SUBJECT: AS-058-K22-2009-227

STRUCTURE:

Antenna Tower

LOCATION:

Wittensville, KY

COORDINATES: 37° 52' 54.6" N / 82° 47' 9.6" W

HEIGHT:

310' AGL/1410'AMSL

The Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission has approved your application for a permit to construct 310'AGL/1410'AMSL Antenna Tower near Wittensville, KY 37° 52' 54.6" N / 82° 47' 9.6" W.

This permit is valid for a period of 18 Month(s) from its date of issuance. If construction is not completed within said 18-Month period, this permit shall lapse and be void, and no work shall be performed without the issuance of a new permit.

A copy of the approved application is enclosed for your files.

Medium Dual Obstruction Lighting is required.

John Houlihan Administrator



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KENTUCKY AIRPORT ZONING COMMISSION

STEVEN BESHEAR Governor 90 Airport Road, Bldg 400 FRANKFORT, KY www.transportation.ky.gov/aviation 502 564-4480

CONSTRUCTION/ALTERATION STATUS REPORT

January 20, 2010

AERONAUTICIAL STUDY NUMBER: AS-058-K22-2009-227

East Kentucky Network, LLC. 8300 Greensboro Drive|Suite 1200 McLean, VA 22102

This concerns the permit which was issued to you by the Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission on January 20, 2010. This permit is valid for a period of 18 Month(s) from its date of issuance. If construction is not completed within the said 18-Month period, this permit shall lapse and be void, and no work shall be performed without the issuance of a new permit. When appropriate, please indicate the status of the project in the place below and return this letter to John Houlihan, Administrator, Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission, 90 Airport Road, Bldg 400, FRANKFORT, KY, 40601. 502 564-4480.

STRUCTURE:

Antenna Tower

1. The project () is abandoned. () is not abandoned.

LOCATION:

Wittensville, KY

COORDINATES:

37° 52' 54.6" N / 82° 47' 9.6" W

HEIGHT:

310' AGL/1410'AMSL

CONSTRUCTION/ALTERATION STATUS

SIGNATURE/TITLE

| 2. | Construction status is as follows: |
|----|---|
| | Structure reached its greatest height offt. AGLft. AMSL on(date). |
| | |
| | Date construction was completed. |
| | Type of obstruction marking/painting. |
| | Type of obstruction lighting. |
| | As built coordinates. |
| | Miscellaneous Information. |





| 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, Gullerrez & Sachs, Chtd 8300 Greensboro Drive, Suite 1200 McLean, VA 22102 T: 703-584-8667 F: 703-584-8692 | 9. Latitude: 37 ° 52 ′ 54 6 ° 10. Longitude: 82 ° 47 ′ 09 6 ° 11. Datum: NAD83 NAD27 Other |
| 2. Representative of Applicant Name, Address, Telephone, Fax All Kuzehkanani Lukas, Nace, Gutlerrez & Sachs, Chtd 8300 Greensboro Drive, Suite 1200 McLean, VA 22102 T: 703-584-8667 F: 703-584-8692 | 13. Nearest Kentucky public use or Military airport: Big Sandy Regional 14. Distance from #13 to Structure: 12.2 mi 15. Direction from #15 to Structure: NW 16. Site Elevation (AMSL): 1,100.00 Feet |
| 3. Application for: ⊠ New Construction ☐ Alteration ☐ Existing 4. Duration: ☑ Permanent ☐ Temporary (Months | 17. Total Structure Height (AGL): 18. Overall Height (#13 + #17) (AMSL): 19. Previous FAA and/or Kentucky Aeronautical Study Number(s): 20. 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. 1.5 mi (2.4 km) NNE of Wittensville (Johnson), KY |
| 22. Has a "NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION OR ALTERATION" (FAA Form 7460-1) No Yes, When December 03, 2009 CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that all the above statements made by me are to the Alli Kuzehkanani/ Dir of Engineering Printed Name and Title PENALTIES: Persons falling to comply with Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS 183.990(3)). In further penalties. | been filed with the Federal Aviation Administration? True, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. 12/3/2009 Date 3.861 through 183.990) and Kentucky Administrative Regulations (602 KAR) |
| Commission Action: Chairn Approved Disapproved | nan, KAZC Administrator, KAZC Date Date |

FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 2009

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of East Kentucky Network, LLC, dba Appalachian Wireless as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 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, 2009 and 2008 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.

Jones. Male: Mattingly Pic

Louisville, Kentucky February 26, 2010

BALANCE SHEETS December 31, 2009 and 2008

| ASSETS | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|--|--|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 2,874,412 | \$ 5,145,165 |
| Short-term investments | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful | | |
| accounts of \$1,405,597 in 2009 and \$1,054,283 in 2008 | 7,806,718 | 6,246,970 |
| Accounts receivable, members (Notes 5 and 6) | 87,192 | 88,078 |
| Inventory | 5,699,380 | 3,053,445 |
| Prepaid expenses | 537,143 | 411,948 |
| Total current assets | \$ 17,104,845 | \$ 15,045,606 |
| PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Note 3) Plant in service: General support MTSO equipment Cell equipment Paging equipment Fiber ring Unfinished plant Less accumulated depreciation | \$ 27,455,560 22,282,589 64,198,981 3,321,068 7,675,975 3,675,759 \$128,609,932 57,070,186 \$ 71,539,746 | \$ 25,380,330 20,505,774 55,340,782 3,321,068 7,429,057 1,951,193 \$113,928,204 48,072,427 \$ 65,855,777 |
| OTHER ASSETS Investment in affiliated company, RTFC Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$4,389,605 in 2009 and \$3,707,354 in 2008 (Note 2) Other | \$ 112,712 4,578,754 19,712 \$ 4,711,178 | \$ 112,712 5,261,006 19,712 \$ 5,393,430 |
| | \$ 93,355,769 | \$ 86,294,813 |

| LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | • | |
| Current maturities of long-term debt (Note 3) | \$ 2,685,714 | \$ 3,852,381 |
| Accounts payable | 2,033,336 | 1,772,238 |
| Accounts payable, member (Notes 5 and 6) | 35,206 | 49,579 |
| Accrued expenses | 1,519,862 | 1,208,138 |
| Deferred revenue, advance billings | 2,133,743 | 1,887,230 |
| Customer deposits | 574,996 | 600,872 |
| Total current liabilities | \$ 8,982,857 | \$ 9,370,438 |
| LONG-TERM DEBT, less current maturities (Note 3) | \$ 13,559,207 | \$ 16,388,735 |
| • | | |
| INTEREST RATE SWAPS (Note 8) | \$ 1,384,261 | \$ 2,067,821 |
| A CTA CTATA CALLED AND | | |
| MEMBERS' EQUITY | ¢ 70.912.705 | Φ CO 525 CAO |
| Members' capital accounts Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) | \$ 70,813,705 | |
| Accumulated other comprehensive (1088) | (1,384,261) \$ 69,429,444 | (2,067,821) \$ 58,467,819 |
| | Ψ 09,429,444 | φ 30, 4 07,619 |
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| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | \$ 93,355,769 | \$ 86,294,813 |

STATEMENTS OF INCOME Years Ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| REVENUE | | |
| Retail | \$ 46,125,449 | \$ 40,207,998 |
| Roamer | 16,777,789 | 12,592,115 |
| Long distance | 195,754 | 214,296 |
| Paging | 488,500 | 566,677 |
| Equipment sales, cellular | 2,198,961 | 2,248,939 |
| Equipment sales, paging | 93,942 | 35,777 |
| Other | 3,649,814 | 3,299,759 |
| Total revenue | \$ 69,530,209 | \$ 59,165,561 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Cost of cellular service | \$ 15,223,905 | \$ 12,861,903 |
| Cost of paging service | 339,051 | 332,386 |
| Cost of equipment sales, cellular | 13,508,510 | 11,656,367 |
| Cost of equipment sales, paging | 57,023 | 56,705 |
| Customer service | 1,364,596 | 1,313,033 |
| Billing | 1,657,074 | 1,383,121 |
| Selling | 4,188,213 | 3,731,205 |
| Maintenance | 2,595,663 | 1,838,940 |
| Utilities | 900,421 | 711,446 |
| Bad debts | 473,634 | 802,158 |
| Cell site rental | 244,023 | 214,620 |
| Taxes and licenses | 446,482 | 965,327 |
| Advertising | 3,815,728 | 2,968,190 |
| General and administrative | 3,666,329 | 3,106,380 |
| Occupancy | 632,810 | 403,800 |
| Depreciation | 9,105,095 | 7,703,016 |
| Amortization | 839,546 | 693,384 |
| Total expenses | \$ 59,058,103 | \$ 50,741,981 |
| Income from operations | \$ 10,472,106 | \$ 8,423,580 |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE) | | |
| Interest income | \$ 31,040 | \$ 56,023 |
| Interest expense | (1,424,984) | (1,242,505) |
| Universal Service Fund income (Note 7) | 7,045,378 | 6,680,698 |
| C111, 32042 D 02 (120 2 cont cont cont cont cont cont cont cont | \$ 5,651,434 | \$ 5,494,216 |
| Net income | \$ 16,123,540 | \$ 13,917,796 |

STATEMENTS OF MEMBERS' EQUITY Years Ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

| | Cellular Services, LLC | Gearhart Communi- cations Company, Inc. | Mountain Tele- communi- cations, Inc. | Thacker- Grigsby Telephone Co., Inc. | Peoples Rural Telephone Coop- erative Corp- oration, Inc. | Total |
|---|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------|
| Balance, January 1, 2008 Comprehensive income: | \$10,044,087 | \$10,044,087 | \$10,044,086 | \$10,044,086 | \$10,044,086 | \$50,220,432 |
| Net income Change in fair value of | 2,783,559 | 2,783,559 | 2,783,560 | 2,783,559 | 2,783,559 | 13,917,796 |
| interest rate swaps | (299,038) | (299,038) | (299,038) | (299,038) | (299,037) | (1,495,189) |
| Total comprehensive income | \$ 2,484,521 | \$ 2,484,521 | \$ 2,484,522 | \$ 2,484,521 | \$ 2,484,522 | \$12,422,607 |
| Capital distributions | (835,044) | (835,044) | (835,044) | (835,044) | (835,044) | (4,175,220) |
| Balance, December 31, 2008 Comprehensive income: | \$11,693,564 | \$11,693,564 | \$11,693,564 | \$11,693,563 | \$11,693,564 | \$58,467,819 |
| Net income Change in fair value of | 3,224,708 | 3,224,708 | 3,224,708 | 3,224,708 | 3,224,708 | 16,123,540 |
| interest rate swaps | 136,712 | 136,712 | 136,712 | 136,712 | 136,712 | 683,560 |
| Total comprehensive income | \$ 3,361,420 | \$ 3,361,420 | \$ 3,361,420 | \$ 3,361,420 | \$ 3,361,420 | \$16,807,100 |
| Capital distributions Balance, December 31, 2009 | (1,169,095) \$13,885,889 | (1,169,095) \$13,885,889 | (1,169,095) | (1,169,095) \$13,885,888 | (1,169,095) \$13,885,889 | (5,845,475) \$69,429,444 |
| Damieo, Doloinot Di, 2007 | \$10,000,007 | \$12,000,000 | | 4,5,005,000 | 410,000,000 | 40711071111 |

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS Years Ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | A |
| Net income | \$ 16,123,540 | \$ 13,917,796 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided | | |
| by operating activities: | 0.105.005 | 7 702 016 |
| Depreciation | 9,105,095 | 7,703,016 693,384 |
| Amortization | 839,546 | • |
| Loss (gain) on disposition of property, plant, and equipment Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects | 82,302 | (3,723) |
| of investing and financing activities: | | |
| (Increase) in accounts receivable | (1,559,748) | (1,199,357) |
| (Increase) decrease in accounts receivable, members | 886 | (8,275) |
| (Increase) in inventory | (2,645,935) | (74,188) |
| (Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses | (125,195) | 19,911 |
| Decrease in other assets | | 969 |
| Increase in accounts payable | 261,098 | 834,045 |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payable, member | (14,373) | 4,312 |
| Increase in accrued expenses | 311,724 | 84,489 |
| Increase in deferred revenue, advance billings | 246,513 | 381,239 |
| Increase (decrease) in customer deposits | (25,876) | 147,402 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 22,599,577 | \$ 22,501,020 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | \$ (15,028,659) | \$ (19,196,297) |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment | | 11,500 |
| Purchase of intangible assets | £4 ** | (1,650,275) |
| Net cash (used in) investing activities | \$ (15,028,659) | \$ (20,835,072) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Capital distributions | \$ (5,845,475) | \$ (4,790,603) |
| Proceeds from long-term borrowings | 10,200,000 | 8,250,000 |
| Payments on long-term borrowings | (14,196,195) | (1,758,884) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | \$ (9,841,670) | \$ 1,700,513 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | \$ (2,270,752) | \$ 3,366,461 |
| Cash and cash equivalents: | | |
| Beginning | 5,145,165 | 1,778,704 |
| Ending | \$ 2,874,413 | \$ 5,145,165 |
| SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION | | h 4 470 070 |
| Cash payments for interest | <u>\$ 1,431,014</u> | \$ 1,178,953 |

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

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, LLC; 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 may exceed the 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 original maturities 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. Fair value is determined by quoted prices for similar certificates of deposit in active markets.

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, bond issuance costs, loan fees and use of name are recorded at cost and are being amortized over the life of the asset by the straight-line method.

Recognition of revenue

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

Advertising

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. At December 31, 2009 and 2008, these costs were \$3,815,729 and \$2,968,190, 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.

Management evaluates its potential exposures from tax positions taken that have or could be challenged by taxing authorities. These potential exposures result because taxing authorities may take positions that differ from those taken by management in the interpretation and application of statutes, regulations, and rules. There are no tax positions for which the ultimate deductibility is highly uncertain included in the accompanying financial statements.

The Company recognizes interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits in interest expense and penalties in operating expenses. The Company did not recognize any interest or penalties during the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008.

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.

Comprehensive income

Comprehensive income consists of net income and other comprehensive income. Other comprehensive income includes the change in fair value of interest rate swaps which is also recognized as a separate component of equity.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Subsequent events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through February 26, 2010, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Reclassification

Certain amounts presented in the prior period have been restated to conform with the current year presentation.

Note 2. Intangible Assets

Intangible assets consist of the following at December 31, 2009:

| | Gross Amount | Accumulated Amortization |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Customer lists | \$ 5,363,530 | \$ (3,225,882) |
| Non-compete agreements | 220,348 | (165,657) |
| FCC licenses | 2,452,368 | (717,074) |
| Use of name | 10,000 | (6,335) |
| Other | 922,114 | (274,657) |
| | \$ 8,968,360 | \$ (4,389,605) |

Intangible assets consist of the following at December 31, 2008:

| Gross | Accumulated |
|--------------|---|
| Amount | Amortization |
| | |
| \$ 5,363,530 | \$ (2,868,564) |
| 220,348 | (150,977) |
| 2,452,368 | (544,730) |
| 10,000 | (5,669) |
| 922,114 | (137,414) |
| \$ 8,968,360 | \$ (3,707,354) |
| | \$ 5,363,530 220,348 2,452,368 10,000 922,114 |

Note 2. Intangible Assets (Continued)

Aggregate amortization expense related to these intangible assets for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 totaled \$682,251 and \$575,586, respectively. The following represents the total estimated amortization of intangible assets for each of the succeeding five years:

Year ending December 31:

| 2010 | \$ 680,000 |
|------|---------------|
| 2011 | 680,000 |
| 2012 | 680,000 |
| 2013 | 660,000 |
| 2014 | 620,000 |

Note 3. Long-Term Debt

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

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Note payable, Fifth Third Bank (a) | \$ 9,033,333 | \$ 11,600,000 |
| Line of credit, Fifth Third Bank (b) | ₩ ₩ | |
| Note payable, Fifth Third Bank (c) | 7,211,588 | 8,641,116 |
| | \$ 16,244,921 | \$ 20,241,116 |

(a) On February 28, 2006, the Company issued \$14,200,000 in adjustable rate notes to restructure its debt. The notes were issued pursuant to a trust indenture between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association. Principal and interest on the notes are paid from funds drawn by the Trustee under an irrevocable letter of credit issued by Fifth Third Bank. The Notes are collateralized by the assets of the Company and mature on February 1, 2016. The Notes bear interest at a floating interest rate as determined by U.S. Bank National Association (4.60% at 12/31/08). However, the Company entered into an interest rate swap contract (original notional amount of \$14,200,000) that effectively converted its floating-rate debt into a fixed-rate of 8.02%.

On February 2, 2009, the Company refinanced the remaining \$10,200,000 of the note with a new note payable that matures November 1, 2013 and is collateralized by the assets of the Company. Interest on the note is floating at monthly LIBOR plus 1.75% as determined by Fifth Third Securities, Inc. (1.99% at 12/31/09). The Company also renegotiated the terms of the interest rate swap contract and entered into an interest rate swap contract (original notional amount of \$10,200,000) that effectively converts its floating-rate debt into a fixed rate of 7.46% (see Note 8). The note is payable in monthly installments of \$116,667 plus interest through February 1, 2012 and \$125,000 plus interest thereafter through November 1, 2013 with a balloon payment due at maturity.

Note 3. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

- (b) The line of credit agreement with Fifth Third Bank provides for borrowing up to \$2,000,000. The agreement carries a variable interest rate (3.24% at 12/31/09), is secured by the assets of the Company, and is due September 1, 2010.
- (c) On September 1, 2008, the Company borrowed \$9,000,000 to restructure existing debt, purchase new equipment and upgrade dexisting equipment. The note is collateralized by the assets of the Company. Interest on the note is floating at monthly LIBOR plus 3.00% as determined by Fifth Third Securities, Inc (3.24% at 12/31/09). The Company also entered into an interest rate swap contract (original notional amount of \$9,000,000) that effectively converts its floating-rate debt into a fixed rate of 7.20% (see Note 8). The note is payable in monthly installments of \$107,143 plus interest with a balloon payment due on September 1, 2013.

Under terms of the Notes, the Company has also agreed, among other things, to maintain minimum debt service coverage and minimum debt to tangible worth ratios. The Company was in violation of certain of these covenants as of December 31, 2009; however, these violations have been waived by the noteholder.

Approximate maturities or payments required on principal under note payable agreements for each of the succeeding five years are as follows:

Year ending December 31:

| \$ 2,685,714 | 2010 |
|--------------|------|
| 2,685,714 | 2011 |
| 2,769,048 | 2012 |
| 8,104,445 | 2013 |
| 78 MA | 2014 |

Note 4. Retirement Plans

The Company has a 401(k) plan for qualifying employees who have reached twenty-one years of age. Eligible employees are allowed to invest up to 15% of their compensation and the Company has agreed to match 100% of the first 3% of the employees' contribution and 50% of the employees' contribution between 3% and 5%. The Company contributed \$124,071 and \$112,235 in matching funds for its 401(k) plan during the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

The Company also offers an employer sponsored retirement savings plan for qualified employees who have reached twenty-one years of age. The Company has agreed to contribute 9% of the eligible employee's compensation, plus an additional 5% of the original contribution.

The Company contributed \$421,669 and \$371,105 to its retirement savings plan during the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Note 5. Related Party Transactions

The Company shares personnel with three of its members. The Company paid \$210,990 and \$157,825 for shared personnel during the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The Company also leased offices and warehouse space from three members. The leases are for an unspecified length of time. The annual lease expense related to these leases was \$20,483 and \$20,301 during the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

The Company incurred interconnection, telephone, cable and internet access charges from its members aggregating \$1,111,251 and \$1,047,239 for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

The Company leases two cellular tower sites from the officers and majority shareholders of a member. The annual lease expense related to these leases was \$2,400 for both years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008. The leases are for an unspecified length of time. The Company also pays part of an annual lease for sharing a tower with a member for an annual fee of \$450. In addition, the Company leases one other site from a company owned by a member. The annual lease expense related to this lease for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 amounted to \$11,700 and \$3,600, respectively. The Company leases cellular tower sites from the parent company of one of its other members. The annual lease expense related to these leases was \$12,463 for both years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008. The leases are for five years with options to renew.

The Company pays commissions to its members for phone sales to customers. The amount of commissions paid to related parties during the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 was \$45,420 and \$51,872, respectively.

The Company pays fees to companies owned by its members for advertisement in telephone directories, television and on local billboards. The amount of advertising paid to related parties was \$54,522 and \$98,276 for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Note 6. Operating Leases

The Company has entered into operating leases with its members and other customers to provide fiber optic transmission capacity and ancillary services. The terms of these leases are for 15 years. Total rental income earned from these operating lease commitments included in the statements of income was \$1,194,626 and \$1,612,227 for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Rental income earned from the Company's members from these leases was \$799,054 and \$780,931 for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Note 6. Operating Leases (Continued)

Investments in operating leases are as follows at December 31:

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fiber ring Accumulated depreciation | \$ 7,675,975 (2,623,141) | \$ 7,429,057 (2,143,096) |
| | \$ 5,052,834 | \$ 5,285,961 |

The future minimum rental payments expected to be received under these lease agreements for each of the succeeding five years are approximately \$1,200,000 each year.

The Company has also entered into lease agreements to obtain fiber optic transmission and digital microwave transmission services; and to rent retail office facilities. The terms of these leases are between 5 and 15 years. Total rental expense incurred from these operating lease commitments included in the statements of income was \$1,070,826 and \$805,277 for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Rental expense incurred from the Company's members from these leases was \$488,725 and \$291,461 for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The future minimum lease payments required under these lease agreements for each of the succeeding five years are approximately \$825,000 each year.

Note 7. Eligible Telecommunication Carrier

During 2005, the Company was granted Eligible Telecommunication Carrier (ETC) status by the Kentucky Public Service Commission. As an ETC, the Company receives funding from the federal Universal Service Fund (USF) to support the high cost of providing local telephone service in rural areas. USF payments amounted to \$7,045,378 and \$6,680,698 for 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Note 8. Derivative Financial Instruments, Interest Rate Swaps

The Company entered into two interest rate swap contracts with Fifth Third Bank for the purpose of converting floating-rate interest on its long-term debt to fixed rates. The interest rate swap effectively fixed \$10,200,000 at a rate of 7.46% until February 1, 2016 and fixed \$9,000,000 at a rate of 7.20% until September 1, 2013.

Under the swap contracts, the Company pays interest at 5.71% and 4.20% on the notional amounts and receives interest at LIBOR observed monthly (0.24% at December 31, 2009). The interest rate swaps qualify as, and are designated as, cash flow hedges. The swaps are designed to hedge the risk of changes in interest payments on the notes caused by changes in LIBOR. The notional amounts do not represent actual amounts exchanged by the parties, but instead represent the amounts on which the contracts are based.

Note 8. Derivative Financial Instruments, Interest Rate Swaps (Continued)

The swaps were issued at market terms so that they had no fair value or carrying value at their inception. The carrying amount of the swaps has been adjusted to their fair value at the end of the year, which because of changes in forecasted levels of LIBOR, resulted in reporting a liability for the fair value of the future net payments forecasted under the swaps. The swap contracts permit settlement prior to maturity only through termination by the Company. The settlement amounts are determined based on forecasted changes in interest rates required under fixed and variable legs of the swaps. The Company believes the settlement amounts are the best representation of the fair value of the swaps and has adjusted their carrying amounts to the settlement amounts at the end of the year.

The carrying amounts of the swaps are classified as noncurrent since management does not intend to terminate the swaps during 2010. Since the critical terms of the swaps and the notes are approximately the same, the swaps are assumed to be effective as hedges, and none of the changes in fair values are included in income. Accordingly, all of the adjustment of the swaps' carrying amount is reported as other comprehensive income or loss in the accompanying statements of members' equity. If the swaps are terminated early, the corresponding carrying amount would be reclassified into earnings. The Company does not hold or issue interest rate swaps or other financial instruments for trading purposes.



Jones, Nale & Mattingly PLC

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

To the Members East Kentucky Network, LLC dba Appalachian Wireless Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, taken as a whole. The supplementary information shown on pages 15 and 16 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplementary information for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Jones. Male: Mattingly Pac

Louisville, Kentucky February 26, 2010

STATEMENTS OF INCOME DETAIL

| | Year Ended December 31, 2009 | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | RSA #9 | RSA #10 | Fiber | | |
| | Appalachian | Mountaineer | Ring | PCS | Totals |
| REVENUE | | | | | |
| Retail | \$27,227,441 | \$ 17,352,651 | \$ | \$ 1,545,357 | \$46,125,449 |
| Roamer | 12,256,698 | 4,387,287 | | 133,804 | 16,777,789 |
| Long distance | 119,708 | 72,756 | | 3,290 | 195,754 |
| Paging | 240,506 | 247,994 | | | 488,500 |
| Equipment sales, cellular | 1,363,757 | 751,079 | | 84,125 | 2,198,961 |
| Equipment sales, paging | 66,723 | 27,219 | ~ ~ | | 93,942 |
| Other | 1,384,703 | 925,590 | 1,155,365 | 184,156 | 3,649,814 |
| Total revenue | <u>\$42,659,536</u> | \$ 23,764,576 | \$ 1,155,365 | \$ 1,950,732 | \$69,530,209 |
| EXPENSES | | | | | |
| Cost of cellular service | \$ 8,635,517 | \$ 5,825,794 | \$ | \$ 762,594 | \$15,223,905 |
| Cost of paging service | 160,498 | 178,553 | - | | 339,051 |
| Cost of equipment sales, cellular | 7,855,184 | 4,947,332 | | 705,994 | 13,508,510 |
| Cost of equipment sales, paging | 35,917 | 21,106 | | | 57,023 |
| Customer service | 862,503 | 478,603 | *** | 23,490 | 1,364,596 |
| Billing | 1,037,351 | 589,188 | | 30,535 | 1,657,074 |
| Selling | 2,288,986 | 1,872,857 | | 26,370 | 4,188,213 |
| Maintenance | 1,533,903 | 830,286 | 56,424 | 175,050 | 2,595,663 |
| Utilities | 490,919 | 289,019 | 42,536 | 77,947 | 900,421 |
| Bad debts | 232,507 | 267,438 | | (26,311) | 473,634 |
| Cell site rental | 102,587 | 83,076 | | 58,360 | 244,023 |
| Taxes and licenses | 222,113 | 145,361 | 55,166 | 23,842 | 446,482 |
| Advertising | 2,527,103 | 1,056,900 | | 231,725 | 3,815,728 |
| General and administrative | 2,173,592 | 1,145,620 | 233,211 | 113,906 | 3,666,329 |
| Occupancy | 138,973 | 85,094 | 383,360 | 25,383 | 632,810 |
| Depreciation | 4,582,025 | 3,286,291 | 747,918 | 488,861 | 9,105,095 |
| Amortization | 288,965 | 438,924 | 32,032 | 79,625 | 839,546 |
| Total expenses | \$33,168,643 | \$ 21,541,442 | \$ 1,550,647 | \$ 2,797,371 | \$59,058,103 |
| Income from operations | \$ 9,490,893 | \$ 2,223,134 | \$ (395,282) | \$ (846,639) | \$10,472,106 |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE) | | | | | |
| Interest income | \$ 17,504 | \$ 10,619 | \$ 2,334 | \$ 583 | \$ 31,040 |
| Interest expense | (903,773) | | | (22,560) | (1,424,984) |
| Universal Service Fund income | 3,522,689 | 3,522,689 | | | 7,045,378 |
| | \$ 2,636,420 | \$ 3,034,657 | \$ 2,334 | \$ (21,977) | \$ 5,651,434 |
| Net income (loss) | \$12,127,313 | \$ 5,257,791 | \$ (392,948) | \$ (868,616) | \$16,123,540 |

Year Ended December 31, 2008

| Year Ended December 31, 2008 | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|--|--|
| RSA #9 | RSA #10 | Fiber | | | | |
| Appalachian | Mountaineer | Ring | PCS | Totals | | |
| | | | | | | |
| \$24,574,346 | \$15,406,704 | \$ | \$ 226,948 | \$40,207,998 | | |
| 9,424,434 | 3,125,657 | | 42,024 | 12,592,115 | | |
| 131,994 | 81,285 | | 1,017 | 214,296 | | |
| 259,547 | 307,130 | | - | 566,677 | | |
| 1,492,348 | 689,288 | *** *** | 67,303 | 2,248,939 | | |
| 20,869 | 14,908 | | | 35,777 | | |
| 1,005,916 | 697,829 | 1,559,075 | 36,939 | 3,299,759 | | |
| <u>\$36,909,454</u> | \$20,322,801 | \$ 1,559,075 | \$ 374,231 | \$59,165,561 | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| \$ 7,464,380 | \$ 5,305,238 | \$ | \$ 92,285 | \$12,861,903 | | |
| 148,346 | 184,040 | | | 332,386 | | |
| 6,730,198 | 4,590,695 | | 335,474 | 11,656,367 | | |
| 24,309 | 32,396 | *** | | 56,705 | | |
| 813,941 | 496,602 | | 2,490 | 1,313,033 | | |
| 873,600 | 505,623 | | 3,898 | 1,383,121 | | |
| 2,134,116 | 1,595,634 | | 1,455 | 3,731,205 | | |
| 1,035,157 | 697,495 | 39,468 | 66,820 | 1,838,940 | | |
| 391,910 | 254,462 | 43,330 | 21,744 | 711,446 | | |
| 491,883 | 302,032 | | 8,243 | 802,158 | | |
| 117,969 | 81,421 | | 15,230 | 214,620 | | |
| 576,748 | 250,317 | 121,722 | 16,540 | 965,327 | | |
| 2,084,232 | 771,388 | | 112,570 | 2,968,190 | | |
| 1,802,346 | 1,056,315 | 226,927 | 20,792 | 3,106,380 | | |
| 102,054 | 80,815 | 208,497 | 12,434 | 403,800 | | |
| 3,939,105 | 2,891,653 | 725,234 | 147,024 | 7,703,016 | | |
| 226,578 | 415,142 | 22,551 | 29,113 | 693,384 | | |
| \$28,956,872 | \$19,511,268 | \$ 1,387,729 | \$ 886,112 | \$50,741,981 | | |
| | | | | | | |
| \$ 7,952,582 | \$ 811,533 | \$ 171,346 | \$ (511,881) | \$ 8,423,580 | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| \$ 21,154 | \$ 31,375 | \$ 3,331 | \$ 163 | \$ 56,023 | | |
| (783,129) | (455,419) | ne se | (3,957) | (1,242,505) | | |
| 3,340,349 | 3,340,349 | | | 6,680,698 | | |
| \$ 2,578,374 | \$ 2,916,305 | \$ 3,331 | \$ (3,794) | \$ 5,494,216 | | |
| | | | | | | |
| <u>\$10,530,956</u> | \$ 3,727,838 | \$ 174,677 | \$ (515,675) | <u>\$13,917,796</u> | | |
| | | | | | | |

STATEMENTS OF INCOME DETAIL (Continued)

| | Year Ended December 31, 2009 | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | RSA #9 RSA #10 Fiber | | | | |
| | Appalachian | Mountaineer | Ring | PCS | Totals |
| COST OF CELLULAR SERVICE | | | | | |
| Roamer pass through charges | \$ 5,678,216 | \$ 4,262,977 | \$ | \$ 705,222 | \$10,646,415 |
| SCB interconnection | 386,915 | 225,033 | ** ** | 8,736 | 620,684 |
| Local charges | 2,483,054 | 1,394,735 | | 76,935 | 3,954,724 |
| Harold interconnection | 147,008 | | | | 147,008 |
| Wheelwright interconnection | 42,154 | | | | 42,154 |
| GTE interconnection | 82,327 | 80,758 | | 6,213 | 169,298 |
| West Liberty interconnection | 120,855 | | | • • | 120,855 |
| Chapman interconnection | 100,023 | | | | 100,023 |
| Salyersville interconnection | 280,492 | | | - 4 | 280,492 |
| Bluefield interconnection | | | | | |
| Roanoke interconnection | 9,504 | | | . - | 9,504 |
| Interconnect revenue | (804,398) | (509,320) | ~ - | (36,485) | (1,350,203) |
| Fiber ring interconnection | 91,884 | 113,896 | · ·· | 1,973 | 207,753 |
| TGTC interconnection and DS3 charges | | 160,480 | | w * | 160,480 |
| PRTC interconnection | | 97,235 | | • • | 97,235 |
| West Virginia interconnection | 17,483 | | | | 17,483 |
| - | \$ 8,635,517 | \$ 5,825,794 | \$ | \$ 762,594 | \$15,223,905 |
| COST OF PAGING SERVICE | | | • | | |
| Paging maintenance | \$ 6,700 | \$ 3,698 | \$ | \$ | \$ 10,398 |
| Salaries and benefits | 32,294 | 48,441 | | | 80,735 |
| Tower rent | 40,841 | 51,413 | - | | 92,254 |
| Telephone expense | | 329 | | | 329 |
| Expanded coverage costs | | 1,596 | # - | * | 1,596 |
| Interconnection charges | 35,280 | 29,613 | | | 64,893 |
| Office and billing expense | 42,935 | 30,372 | | | 73,307 |
| Other | 2,448 | 13,091 | | 74 44 | 15,539 |
| | \$ 160,498 | <u>\$ 178,553</u> | \$ | \$ | \$ 339,051 |

Year Ended December 31, 2008

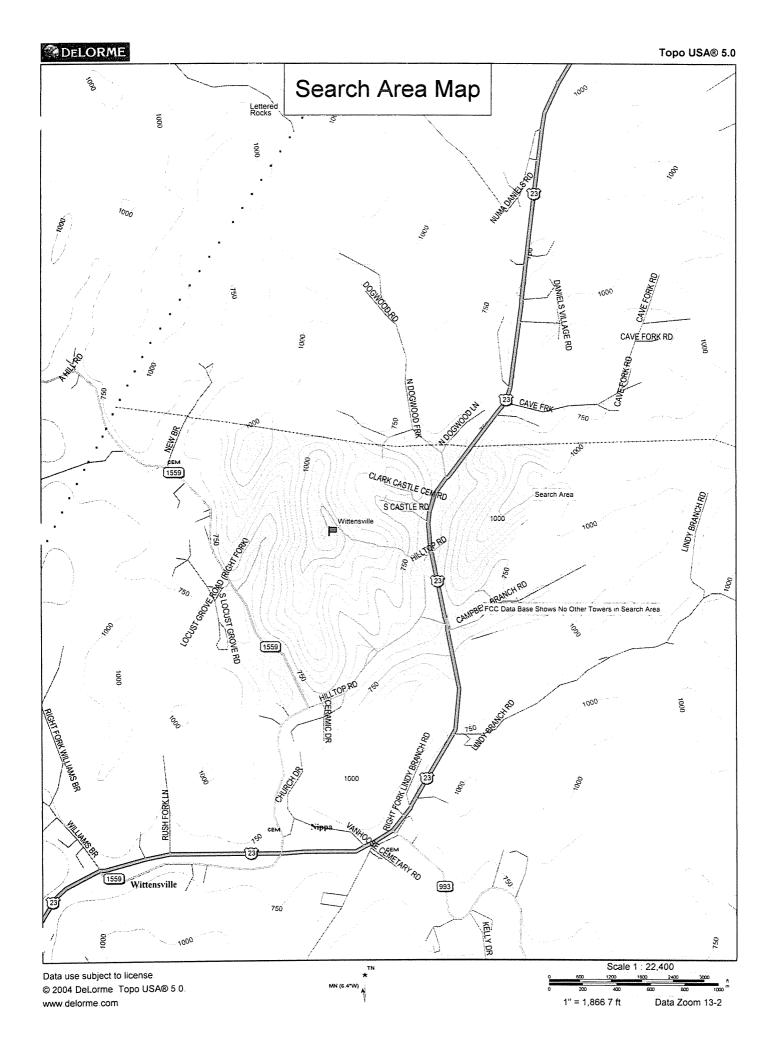
| Year Ended December 31, 2008 | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------|----|---------|--------------|--|
| RSA #9 | RSA #10 | Fiber | | | | |
| <u>Appalachian</u> | Mountaineer | Ring | | PCS | Totals | |
| | | | | | | |
| \$ 4,949,474 | \$ 3,595,547 | \$ | \$ | 77,604 | \$ 8,622,625 | |
| 237,395 | 144,905 | | | 532 | 382,832 | |
| 2,401,115 | 1,387,166 | | | 18,826 | 3,807,107 | |
| 134,062 | | | | | 134,062 | |
| 37,412 | | | | | 37,412 | |
| 62,621 | 63,402 | | | | 126,023 | |
| 46,578 | | | | ~ ~ | 46,578 | |
| 67,775 | 21,616 | | | 161 | 89,552 | |
| 154,146 | 82,148 | | | 658 | 236,952 | |
| 300 | | | | | 300 | |
| 13,626 | | | | | 13,626 | |
| (715,726) | (453,368) | | | (5,653) | (1,174,747) | |
| 75,602 | 121,000 | *** | | 157 | 196,759 | |
| | 171,590 | | | | 171,590 | |
| | 171,232 | | | | 171,232 | |
| | | | | | | |
| \$ 7,464,380 | \$ 5,305,238 | \$ | \$ | 92,285 | \$12,861,903 | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| \$ 256 | \$ 384 | \$ | \$ | | \$ 640 | |
| 30,752 | 46,129 | | | | 76,881 | |
| 45,095 | 75,005 | | | | 120,100 | |
| | 131 | | | | 131 | |
| * ** | 998 | | | | 998 | |
| 33,211 | 28,094 | | | | 61,305 | |
| 38,462 | 22,945 | | | | 61,407 | |
| 570 | 10,354 | | | | 10,924 | |
| \$ 148,346 | \$ 184,040 | \$ | \$ | | \$ 332,386 | |
| · | | | - | | | |

Directions to Wittensville Site

From the Johnson County Courthouse in Paintsville Ky. Take Court Street for 250 feet to Main Street. Turn left onto Main Street and continue for one block to 321 Business. Turn left onto 321 business and continue two blocks to Hwy. 40. Turn left onto Hwy. 40 West and continue for 1.7 miles to the Jct. of Hwy. 40 and 321. Turn right onto 321 north and continue for .6 miles to the Jct. of Hwy. 321 and 23. Turn Right onto 23 north and go 4.3 miles to the Jct. of Hwy. 23 and Hilltop Rd. Turn left onto Hilltop Rd. and continue for .2 miles to 393 Hilltop Rd. on the right. Turn in the drive way to 393 Hilltop Rd. and take Gravel Rd. on your left 1.1 miles to site. Road stops at Site.

Directions were written by,

Marty Thacker Appalachian Wireless 606-438-2355 ext. 111 (Office) 606-634-9505 (cell phone) m,thacker@tgtel.com (email)



QUIT-CLAIM DEED

THIS DEED OF CORRECTION dated this Aday of March, 2010 by and between WILLIAM HENRY CLAY and PATRICIA BREWER CLAY, his wife, of 235 Hilltop Road, Nippa, Kentucky 41240 and HENRY EDWARD CLAY, single, Grantors, and EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK, LLC of 101 Technology Trail, Ivel, Kentucky 41642, Grantee (the in-care of tax mailing address for the current tax year is c/o EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK, LLC, of 101 Technology Trail, Ivel, Kentucky 41642.

WITNESSETH: That'the Grantors, for and in consideration of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) cash in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby release and forever quit-claim unto Grantee herein, its successors and assigns forever, all of their right, title and interest in and to the following described property, will all improvements thereon, a certain tract or parcel of land located on Toms Creek near the Community of Wittensville, Johnson County, Kentucky, and moré particularly described as follows:

Unless stated otherwise, any monument referred to herein as a "Re-Bar with Cap" is set 1/2" Re-Bar with Cap, 18" inches in length, with a yellow plastic cap stamped Summit Engineering, L.S. #2661. All bearings stated herein are referred to the Kentucky South State Plain Coordinate System NAD 1983.

Beginning at a set R-Bar and with Cap on a high knob between Sycamore Fork and Toms Creek and being a corner between Bret Osborne (D.B. 366, P. 107), Neva Jo Brooks (D.B. 153 P. 15) and William Henry Clay (D.B. 236 P. 239).

Thence, down the ridge with the common line between Bret Osborne and William Henry Clay S 78° 29'40" E a distance of 150.33' to a set Re-Bar with Cap; Thence, down the hill severing the land of William Henry Claim S 07°05'59" E a distance of 75.53' to a set Re-Bar with Cap; Thence, around the hill S 61°41'53" W a distance of 123.79' to a set Re-

bar with Cap; Thence, up the hill N 75°24'14" W a distance of 120.02' to a set Re-Bar with Cap on the ridge and being on the line of Neva Jo Brooks; Thence up the ridge with the common line between William Henry Clay and Neva Joe Brooks N 05°21'41" E a distance of 30.50' to a set Re-Bar with Cap; Thence, N 32°30'18" E a distance of 122.15' to the point of beginning and containing 0.58 acres more or less according to a survey conducted by personel under the direct supervision of Steven E. Haywood, PLS #2661 with Summitt Engineering, Inc. on March 19th 2009 and being a portion of the tract of land conveyed to William Henry Clay by Gregory Allen Cook by deed which is of record in Deed Book 236 Page 239 which is in the records of the Johnson County Court Clerk's office.

See also the attached Plat Map survey for further reference.

Grantors also convey herein to Grantee, it successors and assigns, a right-of-way easement for ingress and egress across Grantors property for all purposes reasonably necessary to Grantee's business, including, but not limited to, the right to clear all trees and brush necessary to construct and maintain a 16' wide roadway across Grantor's property, which shall follow the contours of the current existing roadway and the route reflected on the attached map, construct and maintain transmission towers, power lines, cables, and all other requisite appurtenances necessary to accomplish Grantee's business purposes.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all of the above described real property together with all the rights, privileges, appurtenances and improvements thereunto belonging unto the Grantees and to their and assigns forever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Grantors have subscribed their names this day and date aforesaid.

Williams Henry Clay
WILIAM HENRY CLAY

PATRICIA BREWER CLAY

Henry Edward Clay
HENRYEDWARD CLAY

CERTIFICATE OF CONSIDERATION

The undersigned individuals do hereby certify, pursuant to KRS Chapter 382, that the above-stated consideration in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) is the true, correct and full consideration paid for the property herein conveyed. We further true, certif prope \$10,0

| fy our understanding that falsification of the consideration or sale price of the erty is a Class D Felony, subject to one to five years imprisonment and fines up to 200.00. |
|---|
| GRANTORS: |
| William Henry Clay WILIAM HENRY CLAY |
| WILIAM HENRY CLAY |
| PATRICIA BREWER CLAY, |
| PATRICIA BREWER CLAY, ✓ |
| Henry Edward Clay, |
| HENR¶ ĔĎWARD ČĽAŸ, |
| GRANTEE: |
| EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK, LLC |
| BY Levall 7. Robinto |
| Its GENERAL MANAGER |
| |

STATE OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF JOHNSON

SUBSCRIBED, SWORN and ACKNOWLEDGED to before by WILLIAM HENRY CLAY and PATRICIA BREWER CLAY, Grantors, on this the March, 2010.

My Commission Expires: 1-28-13

STATE OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF JOHNSON

SUBSCRIBED, SWORN and ACKNOWLEDGED to before by HENRY EDWARD CLAY, Grantor, on this the 12 day of 10 day, 2010.

My Commission Expires: 1-28-13

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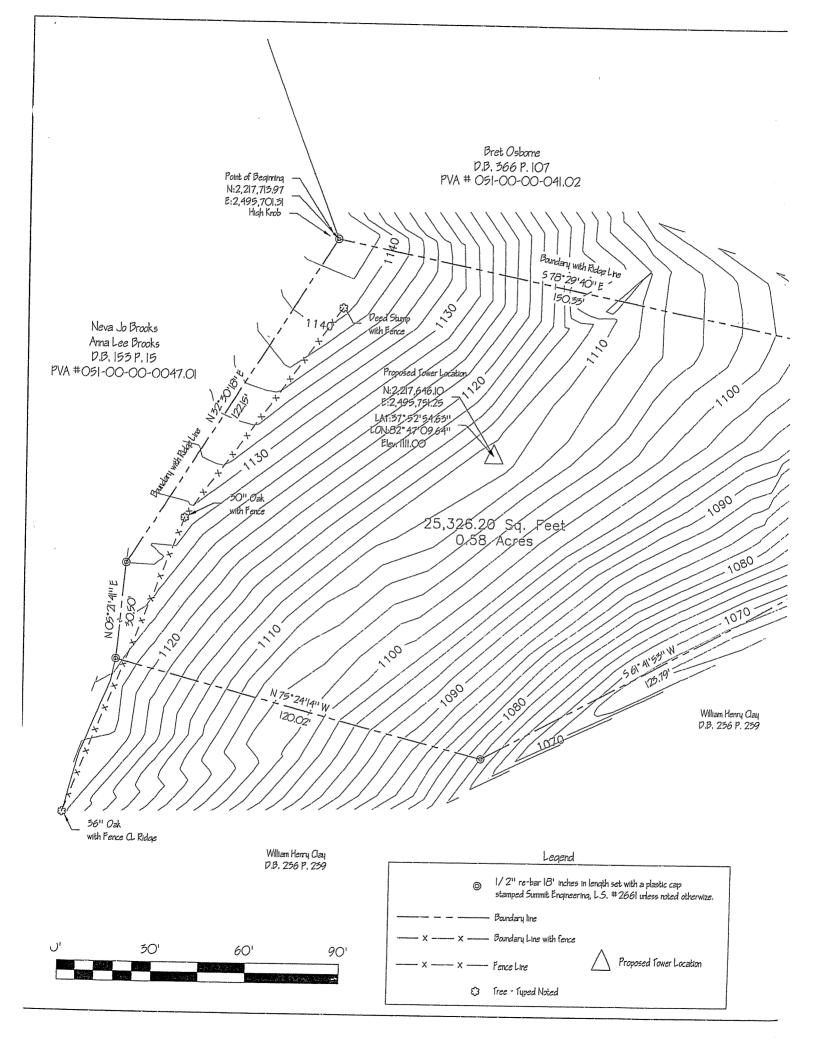
SUBSCRIBED, SWORN and ACKNOWLEDGED to before by

Gerald F. Robinette for and on behalf of EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK,
LLC, as its General Manager, Grantee, on this the 12th day of March,
2010.

My Commission Expires: 1-28-13

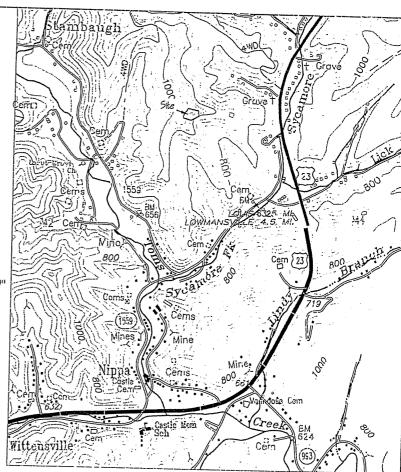
THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:

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Vicinity Map Not to Scale

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tract of land shown hereon is a portion of the tract and conveyed to William Henry Clay by Gregory Allen 's by deed dated which id of record in Deed Book 236 e 239 of the records of the Johnson County Court Clerk. STATE OF KENTUCKY E

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Certification

I hereby certify that the survey depicted by this plat was done by persons under my direct supervision by the method of random traverse with sideshots. The unadjusted precision ratio of the traverse was greater than 1:10,000 and was not adjusted. The Survey as shown hereon is a class B survey and the accuracy and precision of said survey to my knowledge meets the specifications of this

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Plat Map Being a portion of the William Henry Clay

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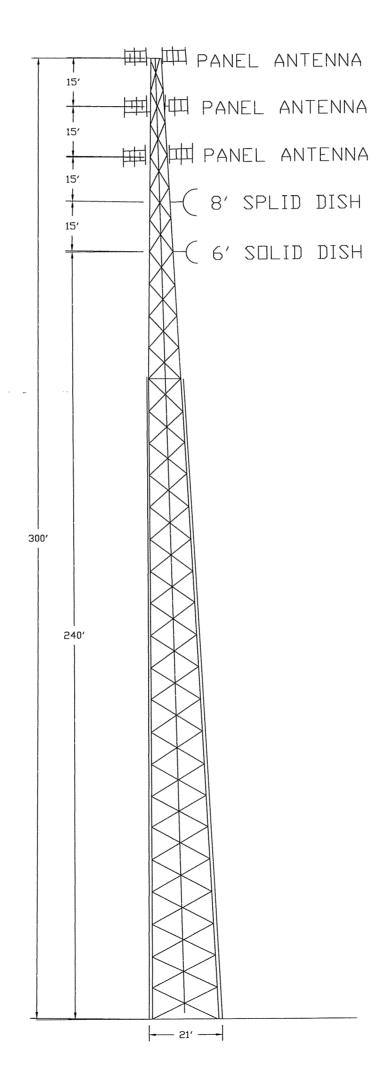
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Wittensville - Tower VERTICAL PROFILE SKETCH APPALACHIAN WIRELESS



SCALE: 1'' = 30'

Note: This is a vertical sketch of the tower indicating the proposed antenna and dish elevations. No design criteria was considered in the preparations of this drawing.