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To: Executive Director / Chairman
Public Service Commission of Kentucky
P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

From: John G. Mattingly, Marion County Judge Executive

RE: Bluegrass Cellular Tower - Case number 2010 - 00047

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal for the Cell Tower location at 5210 Highway 1157, near Bradfordsville, Ky. -Case number 2010 -00047.

First of all, after years of "No Service, Call Failed, Dropped Calls" and other problems with Cellular Service in the South-Eastern portions of Marion County, it is great to hear that plans are being made to fulfill this urgent need for some of our more rural residents. In my tenure as Marion County Judge Executive, the Fiscal Court has passed Resolutions & asked repeatedly for assistance in providing coverage into this rural area.

Please be advised that there are some real concerns by local residents of the proposed location of the above mentioned Cell Tower. There is, within view from this tower site, an old Historic Cemetery- called "Old Liberty Cemetery". This is an Aesthetically beautiful locale with picturesque vistas in all directions. Most residents in the area do not want to jeopardize the chance to get better communications facilitation -- by making comments about this "Horrible Cell tower"—but I know and hear their concerns. It would be tragic to place the tower here.

I am not familiar with all the technical and engineering criteria necessary for determining the specific site for a Cellular Tower location- and I'm sure extensive study was done prior to the selection of this exact location. The City of Bradfordsville may have some available "High Ground" near the Water Tower (in the Loretto community- in the northeastern part of Marion County, the Water District allowed the installation of Cellular equipment on the water tower.) If the water tower elevation is inadequate, a Ground site may be even better on a "Narrows Rd". location with a 1100' elevation. There is also an elevated water tower near this location, and a developed road that goes all the way to the top of the Knob.

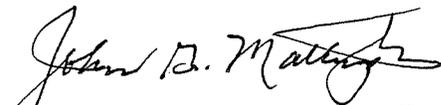
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Please make every effort to seek an alternative - yet equally effective site for this tower. The Old Liberty Cemetery is a community Landmark and a Historic Treasure. It has served, and will continue to serve for many years to come, as the burial site for a multitude of small rural churches within the whole county. The Serene setting will be greatly disturbed by this very close, very large, blinking distraction.

In response also to Patriot Engineering and Environmental, Inc. request for comments relative to Section 106 of the National Preservation Act- I would have to disagree with their field report and assessment for both historic and archaeological sites—"No Historic Properties in the Area of Potential Effect" - and "No Adverse Effect on Historic Properties "- for visual effects. Site is clearly in view of the Historic Cemetery and will have a dramatic and detrimental effect permanently. How can you place a Large Tower (240') on an Adjacent Hilltop (within a couple of hundred yards of the cemetery) with a blinking Beacon light-- and it not be quite visible??

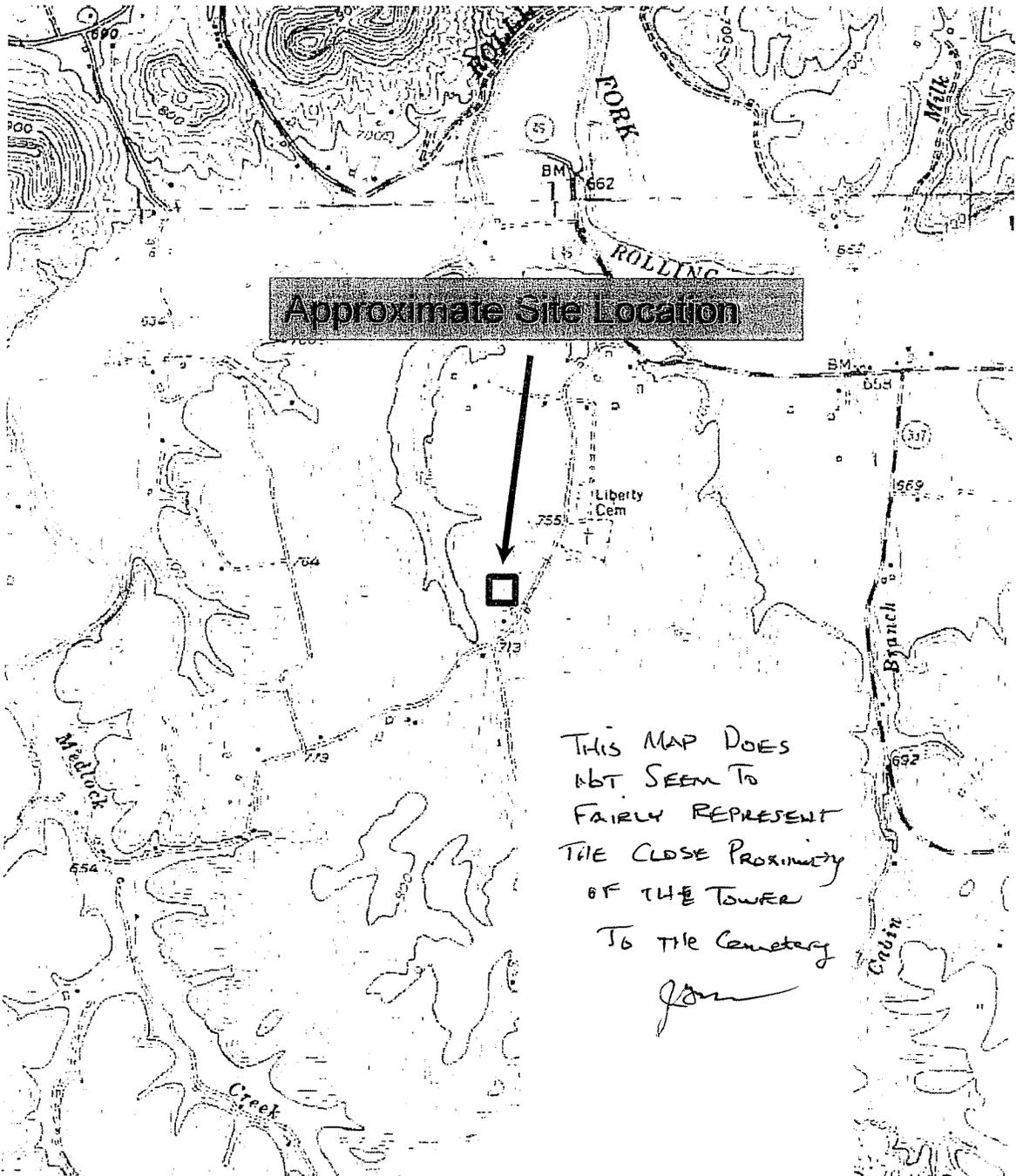
Again, on behalf of our rural residents in all of Marion County, I applaud your efforts to assist Bluegrass Cellular in extending services to these more remote areas. **Please** encourage and require Bluegrass Cellular to re-visit the site selection process in this instance, and if there is anything that County & Community Government can do to aid Kentucky RSA # 4 Cellular Partnership d/b/a/ Bluegrass Cellular in finding an alternate location for this much needed infrastructure—do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely, and with kindest regards, I remain,



John G. Mattingly, Marion County Judge / Executive

Cc: Kerry W. Ingle- Dinsmore & Shohl
Lizzette R. Barrow, PE- Senior Project Engineer w/Patriot Engineering and Environmental, Inc.
John Houlihan, Administrator- Ky. Airport Zoning Commission
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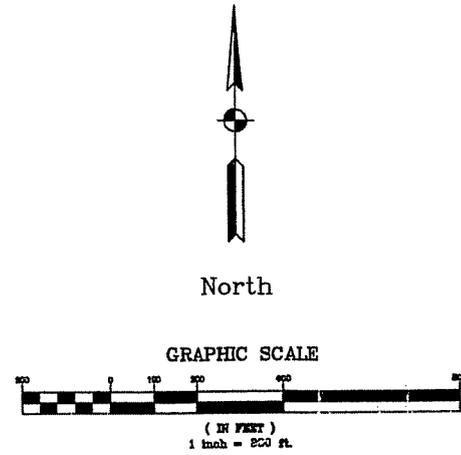
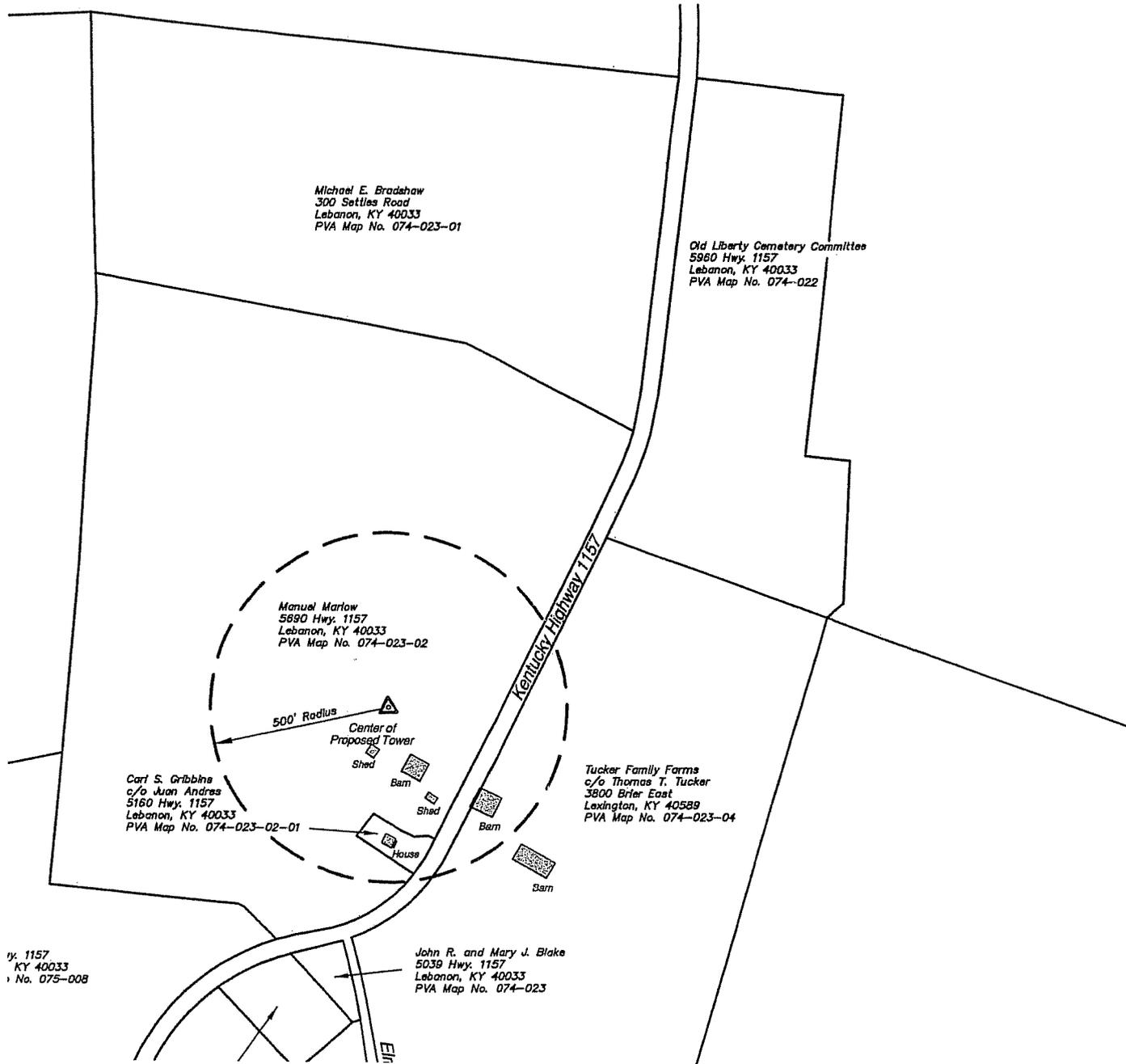
Consulting Environmental, Geotechnical
and Construction Materials Engineers

1984 Topographic Quadrangle Map
Bradfordsville Site
Bradfordsville, Kentucky

Project No.
5-09-0878

Figure 1

Site: Bradfordsville
500-Foot Radius Map for Structures and Landowners
Marion County, Kentucky



Note
 The location of the boundaries shown are approximate, and they are based upon aerial photographs and information on file in the office of the Property Valuation Administrator of Marion County, Kentucky.

Surveyor's Certification
 I hereby certify that the information shown is correct to the best of my knowledge; and it is in accordance with the records, found in the office of the Property Valuation Administrator of Marion County, Kentucky on January 25, 2010.
Darren L. Helms
 Darren L. Helms, P.L.S. 3388
 Date Jan. 29, 2010

	Landmark Surveying Co., Inc. 15 N.E. 3rd Street Washington, Indiana 47501 (812) 257-0850 Email: lmark@landmarksurveying.com Project No. 10-01-0103
North GRAPHIC SCALE (IN FEET) 1 inch = 200 ft.	
500-Foot Radius Map 5210 Highway. 1157 Lebanon, Kentucky 40033	
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