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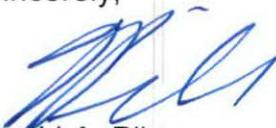
Linda Faulkner  
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Kentucky Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 615  
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Re: Response to Request for Intervention  
PSC Case No.: 2015-00404  
Site Name: Pea Ridge

Dear Linda:

Please accept this letter and the attached document as an official filing in the above-referenced Public Service Commission action. If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



David A. Pike  
Attorney for Applicants

Enclosure

cc: J.E.B. Pinney, Div. of General Counsel

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In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF )  
NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC )  
D/B/A AT&T MOBILITY )  
& AMERICAN TOWERS, LLC )  
FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC ) CASE NO.: 2015-00404  
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT )  
A WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY )  
IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY )  
IN THE COUNTY OF WOLFE )

SITE NAME: PEA RIDGE

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**RESPONSE TO LETTER OPPOSING APPLICATION**

Applicants New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Mobility ("AT&T Mobility") and American Towers, LLC ("American Towers"), by counsel, make this Response to the letter submitted by David Graham in the within proceeding. Applicants respectfully states, as follows:

1. David R. Graham, by letter to the Kentucky Public Service Commission opposes the within application based on "environmental, safety and health reasons."

2. By correspondence dated January 5, 2016, a copy of which was filed with the commission on January 5, 2016, Applicants have responded to Mr. Graham's concern as to the safety of the proposed tower. Said correspondence included a report dated January 10, 2014 prepared by Nitesh Ahuja, a Kentucky licensed professional engineer, explaining the tower's safety design features, which report includes certifications from said engineer that the tower would be constructed in compliance with the National

Tower code and that the predicted mode of wind-induced failure would affect a “zero fall zone’ at ground level.”

3. In accordance with KRS Chapter 100 and the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions are not at issue in this case and may not be considered by the Public Service Commission in its evaluation of the proposed facility. Radio frequency emissions are the subject of federal regulation, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996 expressly prohibits state regulation of wireless communications facilities on the basis of environmental effects or radio frequency emissions. Specifically, the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, as codified at 47 U.S.C. Section 332(7)(B)(iv), provides:

“No State or local government or instrumentality thereof may regulate the placement, construction, and modification of personal wireless service facilities on the basis of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions to the extent that such facilities comply with the [Federal Communication] Commission’s regulations concerning such emissions.”

4. Applicant is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) to provide wireless communications services to the area to be served by the proposed wireless communications facility, and a copy of the relevant FCC license granted to Applicant New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Mobility was filed as part of the subject Application. Accordingly, Applicant, is subject to the FCC regulation referenced at 47 U.S.C. Section 332(7)(B)(iv).

5. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit has upheld the prohibition of consideration of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions in Kentucky Public Service Commission proceedings regarding wireless communications facilities.

Specifically, in Telespectrum, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 227 F.3d 414 (6<sup>th</sup> Circuit 2000), the Court held:

"[C]oncerns of health risks due to the emissions may not constitute substantial evidence in support of denial by statutory rule, as no state or local government or instrumentality thereof may regulate the construction of personal wireless facilities "on the basis of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions to the extent that such facilities comply with the Commission's regulations concerning such emissions.' 47 U.S.C. § 332(c)(7)(B)(iv)." Id at 425.

**WHEREFORE**, Applicants respectfully request the Kentucky Public Service Commission:

- (a) Accept this Response for filing;
- (b) Implement affirmative measures to prevent introduction and consideration of testimony and other evidence on radio frequency issues at the public hearing and from its deliberations on the subject application for approval of a wireless telecommunications facility, pursuant to KRS Chapter 100 and the Telecommunications Act of 1996; and
- (c) Grant Applicant any other relief to which it is entitled.

Respectfully submitted,



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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016, a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was sent by U.S. Postal Service first class mail, postage prepaid, to David R. Graham, P.O. Box 553, Campton, KY 41303.



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