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## RE: Case No. 2017-00143

Tillman Infrastructure LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC dba AT&T Mobility Application for a CPC&N to Construct a Wireless Communications Facility in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the County of Marshall

This is in response to your letter received on January 9, 2018 regarding the application for approval to construct a wireless tower facility. The letter has been placed in the official case file of this proceeding and the Commission will carefully analyze this application before rendering its final decision. By this letter, the attached public comment has been forwarded to the Applicant for a response. Commission Staff requests the Applicant to submit a written response to the comment, with a copy to the Commission, within 15 days of the date of this letter.

If a person wishes to become a party in this matter, he/she should submit to the Commission a request for intervention, if intervention is desired. If no request for intervention is received within 30 days of the date of this letter, the Commission Staff will presume that the Applicant's reply has satisfied the concerns raised in the attached request for information.

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

You may view Orders and data requests issued by the Commission or other formal case documents on our website http://psc.ky.gov.

Steven R. Pinner

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

Sincerely,

Gwen R. Pinson **Executive Director** 

cc: Parties of Record



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I am a home owner and live within 500ft of the proposed tower. I'd like to state my objections on this matter.

ATT already has their antenna on a tower within 500ft of this location, and it is not necessary. The corporation giant is not doing this to help service, but rather to make more money at the expense of the local residents and homeowners. This is not being done to help service but rather to line their own pockets since they already have a lease on the existing tower within 500 ft of the proposed location. While I understand their mind-set, better to own than lease, I believe they are taking advantage just because this is an unincorporated area. I would hope someone would help and protect the current residents in this area, that the construction of another tower so close to the existing one will have a very negative effect on the property valves of the home owners so close to this. All of a sudden, a farm, quiet-like atmosphere, will look more like a power station with multiple towers, wires, and fences, thus severely affecting home values.

Why does a corporation giant have the right to affect the largest investment a home owner has, simply because financially better for them? They are simply taking advantage of the unincorporated area, there is no true need for this when they already have an antenna in the existing area.

If they would rather own than lease, fine...then seek a location better suited for it instead of making a small area look like an industrial park.

Thank you for your time.

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Concerned Home Owner

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