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March 29, 2018

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Linda L. Reynolds P.O. Box 1356 Williamsburg, KY 40769

RE: Case No. 2018-00095

Application of East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless For Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Cellular Tower in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the County of Whitley

Dear Mrs. Reynolds:

This is in response to your letter received on March 26, 2018. 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 public 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 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 on the basis of 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, however, 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.

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

Sincerely,

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Gwen R. Pinson Executive Director

cc: Parties of Record



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In reference to Case No. 2018-00095

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To Whom This May Concern:

I am opposed to the proposed construction of the 300' tower near Harold LeForce Road. I was

approached to have this tower placed on my land. I refused. I believe it to be a health hazard. If there

is the slightest chance of this being a health hazard then I do not want it anywhere near where I live.

Sincerely, e V Linda Reynolds

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