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RE: Case No. 2018-00136

Application of East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless for the Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Replacement Tower in Letcher County, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Royalty:

The Public Service Commission acknowledges receipt of your public comment letter regarding your concerns as to the application for approval to construct a wireless tower facility in the case referenced above. Your comment has been placed in the official case file of this proceeding. The Commission will carefully analyze your comment as part of its review before rendering its final decision in this matter.

By this letter, we are forwarding a copy of your comment 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.

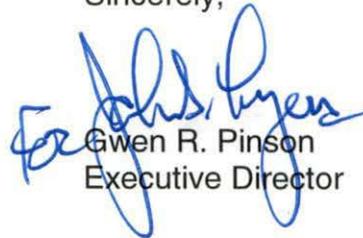
It may be helpful for you to know that federal law limits state authority, specifically that of the Commission, in the review of this matter. For example, Section 704 of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 prohibits this Commission from regulating the placement of wireless facilities based on 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.

You may view Orders issued by the Commission or other formal case documents on our website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

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

Sincerely,



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