

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF VERTICAL BRIDGE AM, LLC)	
AND POWERTEL/MEMPHIS, INC FOR ISSUANCE)	
OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)	
AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A WIRELESS)	CASE NO.
COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY IN METCALFE)	2019-00092
COUNTY, KENTUCKY)	

ORDER

On April 8, 2019, Vertical Bridge AM, LLC, and Powertel/Memphis, Inc., d/b/a T-Mobile (Joint Applicants), filed an application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct and operate a wireless telecommunications facility. The proposed facility consists of a tower not to exceed 199 feet in height, with attached antennas, to be located at 8249 Tompkinsville Road, Summer Shade, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 36°52'43.74" by West Longitude 85°39'53.06".

Joint Applicants provided information regarding the structure of the tower, safety measures, and antenna design criteria for the proposed facility. Based upon the application, the design of the tower and foundation conforms to applicable nationally recognized building standards, and a licensed professional engineer has certified the plans.

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:063, Joint Applicants filed statements of having provided the required notifications regarding the proposed construction. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:063, Joint Applicants filed evidence that the county judge/executive and all property

owners within 500 feet and contiguous to the cell site have been notified of the proposed construction. The notices solicited any comments and informed the recipients of their right to request intervention. As of the date of this Order, no public comments or requests for intervention have been received.

Joint Applicants have provided documentation from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) stating that notice to the FAA is not required at the analyzed location and height for slope, height, or straight-in procedures. Joint Applicants have also provided documentation from the Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission (KAZC) stating that a permit is not required from the KAZC for the construction and operation of the proposed facility.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that Joint Applicants have demonstrated that a facility is necessary to provide adequate utility service and, therefore, a CPCN to construct the proposed facility should be granted.

Pursuant to KRS 278.280, the Commission is required to determine proper practices to be observed when it finds, upon complaint or on its own motion, that the facilities of any utility subject to its jurisdiction are unreasonable, unsafe, improper, or insufficient. To assist the Commission in its efforts to comply with this mandate, Joint Applicants should notify the Commission if the antenna tower is not used to provide service in the manner set out in the application and this Order. Upon receipt of such notice, the Commission may, on its own motion, institute proceedings to consider the proper practices, including removal of the unused antenna tower, which should be observed by Joint Applicants.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Joint Applicants are granted a CPCN to construct a wireless telecommunications facility. The proposed facility consists of a tower not to exceed 199 feet in height, with attached antennas, to be located at 8249 Tompkinsville Road, Summer Shade, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 36°52'43.74" by West Longitude 85°39'53.06".

2. Joint Applicants shall immediately notify the Commission in writing if, after the antenna tower is built and utility service is commenced, the tower is not used for a period of three months in the manner authorized by this Order.

3. Documents filed, if any, in the future pursuant to ordering paragraph 2 herein shall reference this case number and shall be retained in the post-case correspondence file.

4. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

By the Commission



ATTEST:


Executive Director

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