

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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| APPLICATION OF VERTICAL BRIDGE AM, LLC |) | |
| FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC |) | |
| CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO INSTALL A |) | |
| 15' EXTENSION TO AN EXISTING MONOPOLE |) | CASE NO. |
| TOWER AT 8249 TOMPKINSVILLE ROAD, |) | 2019-00261 |
| SUMMER SHADE, METCALFE COUNTY, |) | |
| KENTUCKY |) | |

ORDER

On August 26, 2019, Vertical Bridge AM, LLC (Vertical Bridge) filed an application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to install a fifteen-foot extension to an existing monopole tower located in Metcalfe County at 8249 Tompkinsville Road, Summer Shade, Kentucky, the construction of which the Commission previously approved.¹ The coordinates for the proposed facility are 36° 52' 43.74" North latitude, 85° 39' 53.06" West longitude. The proposed extension will require additional lighting than that approved in Case No. 2019-00092. Vertical Bridge has provided information regarding the structure of the tower, safety measures, and antenna design criteria for the proposed extension. Based upon the application, the design of the tower with the extension conforms to applicable nationally recognized building standards, and a licensed professional engineer has certified the plans.

¹ Case No. 2019-00092, *Application of Vertical Bridge AM, LLC and Powertel/Memphis, Inc. for Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Wireless Communications Facility In Metcalfe County, Kentucky* (Ky. PSC May 3, 2019).

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:063, Vertical Wireless filed statements of having provided the required notifications regarding the proposed construction. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:063, Vertical Wireless 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. To date, no public comments have been filed with the Commission.

Vertical Bridge has filed applications with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission (KAZC) seeking approval for the construction and operation of the proposed facility. Both applications have been approved, and the approvals have been filed with the Commission.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that Vertical Bridge has demonstrated that the extension is necessary to provide adequate utility service and, therefore, a CPCN to construct the proposed extension to the 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, Vertical Bridge should notify the Commission if this antenna tower, as modified, 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 Vertical Bridge.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Vertical Bridge is granted a CPCN to construct an extension to a wireless telecommunications facility. The proposed facility consists of a fifteen-foot extension to an existing monopole tower located in Metcalfe County at 8249 Tompkinsville Road, Summer Shade, Kentucky. The coordinates for the facility are 36° 52' 43.74" North latitude, 85° 39' 53.06" West longitude

2. Vertical Bridge shall immediately notify the Commission in writing, if, after the antenna tower is modified 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 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

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ATTEST:


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