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PARTIES OF RECORD

RE: Case No. 2025-00124
East Kentucky Network, LLC dba Appalachian Wireless
(Construct Cell Site - No P&Z Commission)

Commission Staff has reviewed the filing submitted June 18, 2025 and has determined that the application in the above case now meets the minimum filing requirements. Enclosed, please find a file-stamped copy of the first page of the filing. This case has been docketed and will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

If you need further assistance, please contact Brian Thomas at 502-564-3940.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda C. Bridwell".

Linda C. Bridwell, PE
Executive Director

Enclosure

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK,)
LLC FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF)
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO) CASE NO. 2025-00124
CONSTRUCT A REPLACEMENT TOWER IN HARLAN)
COUNTY, KENTUCKY)

East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless, was granted authorization to provide cellular service in the Personal Communications Service (“PCS”) in the Middlesboro-Harlan, KY Basic Trading Area (BTA295) by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC license is included as Exhibit 1. East Kentucky Network, LLC merger documents were filed with the Commission on February 2, 2001 in Case No. 2001-022. East Kentucky Network, LLC is a Kentucky Limited Liability Company that was organized on June 16, 1998. East Kentucky Network, LLC is in good standing with the state of Kentucky.

In an effort to improve service in Harlan County, pursuant to KRS 278.020 Subsection 1 and 807 KAR 5:001, East Kentucky Network, LLC is seeking the Commission’s approval to construct a replacement 190-foot self-supporting tower on a tract of land located near 1205 North Hwy 179, Louellen, Harlan County, Kentucky (36°55’39.58” N 83°05’34.73” W). A map and detailed directions to the site can be found in Exhibit 7.

Construction of the proposed tower is required by public convenience and necessity. Due to increasing demand for telecommunications service, the proposed tower is necessary to provide adequate coverage. The proposed tower will improve service in Harlan County by providing an interconnection between East Kentucky Network, LLC’s other sites thereby forming a cohesive network.

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