COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF CONTEL CELLULAR OF KENTUCKY, INC. FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT AN ADDITIONAL CELL FACILITY IN THE LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (NEWCUT ROAD CELL FACILITY)

CASE NO. 94-169

ORDER

On May 6, 1994, Contel Cellular of Kentucky, Inc. ("Contel Cellular") filed an application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a cellular radio telecommunications antenna monopole in the Louisville Metropolitan Statistical Area ("Louisville MSA"). The proposed cell site consists of a monopole not to exceed 190 feet in height, with attached antennas, to be located at 7761 Third Street Road, Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed cell site are North Latitude 38° 07' 53" by West Longitude 85° 47' 23".

Contel Cellular has provided information regarding the structure of the monopole, safety measures, and antenna design criteria for the proposed cell site. Based upon the application, the design of the monopole and foundation appears to meet the criteria of the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. National Building Code, with reference to earthquakes, winds, and tornadoes.

Pursuant to KRS 100.324(1), the proposed cell site's construction is exempt from local zoning ordinances. However, Contel Cellular has notified the Louisville/Jefferson County Planning Commission of the proposed construction. Contel Cellular 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 cell site. Both decisions are pending.

Contel Cellular has filed notices verifying that each property owner and resident within 500 feet of the proposed cell site has been notified of the pending construction. The notice solicited any comments and informed the property owners and residents of their right to intervene. The Commission received numerous letters objecting to the proposed construction. Several protestors requested and were granted intervention in this proceeding. These persons withdrew their objections after Contel Cellular amended its construction proposal by substituting a monopole for the proposed self-supporting tower.

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, Contel Cellular should notify the Commission if it does not use this monopole to provide cellular radio telecommunications services in the manner set out in its

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 monopole, which should be observed by Contel Cellular.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that Contel Cellular should be granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate the proposed cell site in the Louisville MSA under its currently approved tariff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. Contel Cellular be and it hereby is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a monopole not to exceed 190 feet in height, with attached antennas, to be located at 7761 Third Street Road, Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed cell site are North Latitude 38° 07' 53" by West Longitude 85° 47' 23".
- 2. Contel Cellular shall file a copy of the final decisions regarding its pending FAA and KAZC applications for the proposed construction within 10 days of receiving these decisions.
- 3. Contel Cellular shall immediately notify the Commission in writing, if, after the monopole is built and utility service is commenced, the monopole is not used for a period of 3 months in the manner authorized by this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 12th day of October, 1994.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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ATTEST:

Executive Director