

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF NEW PAR, A DELAWARE)	
PARTNERSHIP, D/B/A AIRTOUCH CELLULAR,)	CASE NO. 97-180
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)	
AND NECESSITY)	

ORDER

On September 23, 1997, a hearing was held on this application, in which the applicant proposes to erect a cellular facility at 100 Fairground Lane, Alexandria, Campbell County, Kentucky. The record demonstrates that there is need for an additional facility or facilities in the subject area to provide service. However, Intervenor's opposed to the proposed construction contend that the Commission should consider the use of several alternative locations for placement of the cellular facilities. The Intervenor's claim that it may be feasible to use multiple sites throughout the area as opposed to a single 285 foot structure as proposed and argue that such a possibility should be investigated.¹ The applicant in this proceeding, New Par d/b/a AirTouch Cellular ("AirTouch"), admits it has not investigated the feasibility of using multiple existing facilities.² AirTouch contends that budgetary reasons and the desire to keep the number of towers at a minimum reasonably support AirTouch's choice to construct one tower.³

¹ See Intervenor's Post-Hearing Final Agreement Brief, dated October 24, 1997, at 3-6.

² Hearing Transcript at 96.

³ Post-Hearing Brief of Applicant New Par, a Delaware Partnership, d/b/a AirTouch Cellular, dated October 23, 1997, at 7.

The Commission finds that AirTouch should investigate this issue to enable the Commission to consider the application fully.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

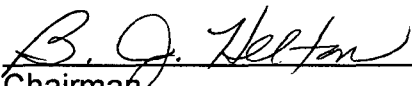
1. AirTouch shall investigate the feasibility of using existing structures in the area, including those discussed during the hearing as well as others, to determine if the combined use of existing structures could satisfy the requirements of AirTouch's system. It is emphasized that the investigation ordered herein is limited to the consideration of existing structures, collocation on which would obviate the need to construct a supporting tower.


2. AirTouch shall include cost estimates which compare the costs of constructing the proposed tower with that of using multiple existing structures unless no acceptable combination of existing structures can be found to satisfy AirTouch's needs.

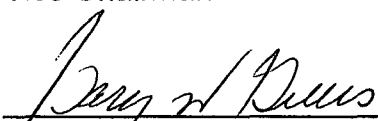
3. AirTouch shall report the results of its investigation to the Commission no later than January 30, 1998.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 24th day of December, 1997.

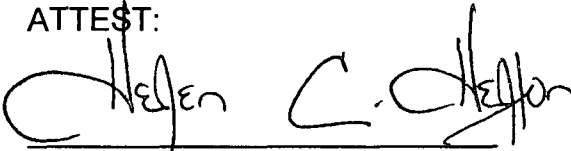
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ATTEST:


Executive Director