

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF CROWN COMMUNICATION	)	
INC., TRITEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND	)	
TRITEL FINANCE, INC. FOR ISSUANCE OF A	)	
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND	)	
NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A WIRELESS	)	
COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT KENTUCKY	)	CASE NO.
HIGHWAY 69, HARTFORD, KENTUCKY 42347 IN	)	2000-268
THE WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS AREA IN THE	)	
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY IN THE	)	
COUNTY OF OHIO	)	
	)	

O R D E R

On June 21, 2000, Crown Communication Inc. ("Crown"), Tritel Communications, Inc. and Tritel Finance, Inc. ("Applicants") filed an application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a wireless telecommunications facility. The proposed facility consists of a self-supporting antenna tower not to exceed 235 feet in height, with attached antenna, to be located at Kentucky Highway 69, Hartford, Ohio County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 37° 27' 41.19" by West Longitude 86° 52' 41.81". Crown has requested authorization to construct a cell site in Ohio County, and Tritel has provided evidence that the public convenience and necessity will be served by the proposed construction.

The Applicants have 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.

The Applicants have 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 decisions are pending.

The Applicants have filed evidence of the appropriate notices provided pursuant to 807 KAR 5:063. The notices solicited any comments and informed the recipients of their right to request intervention. The Applicants also notified the County Judge/Executive of the proposed construction. To date, no intervention requests have been received.

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, Crown should notify the Commission if it does not use this antenna tower to provide service 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 antenna tower, which should be observed by Crown.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Crown is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct a wireless telecommunications facility. The proposed facility consists of a self-supporting antenna tower not to exceed 235 feet in height, with attached antenna, and is to be located at Kentucky Highway 69, Hartford, Ohio County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 37° 27' 41.19" by West Longitude 86° 52' 41.81".

2. The Applicants shall file a copy of the final decisions regarding their pending FAA and KAZC applications for the proposed construction within 10 days of receiving these decisions.

3. Crown 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 3 months in the manner authorized by this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director