

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF APPALACHIAN CELLULAR,)	
LLC D/B/A APPALACHIAN WIRELESS FOR)	
ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC)	
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT)	CASE NO.
AND OPERATE A CELL SITE AT GULLETT)	2001-182
BRANCH, INTERSECTION OF RT 30 AND RT 114,)	
MAGOFFIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY)	

O R D E R

On July 20, 2001, East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless ("Applicant") 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 guyed antenna tower not to exceed 325 feet in height, with attached antenna, to be located at the intersection of Route 30 and Route 114, Salyersville, Magoffin County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 37° 43' 42" by West Longitude 83° 6' 51".

The Applicant has 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.

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:063, the Applicant has notified the County Judge/Executive of the proposed construction. 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. The FAA has approved the application, but the KAZC decision is pending.

The Applicant has 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. To date, no public comments have been filed with the Commission.

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, the Applicant 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 the Applicant.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that the Applicant has 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. The Applicant is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct a wireless telecommunications facility. The proposed facility consists of a guyed antenna tower not to exceed 325 feet in height, with attached antenna, and is to be located

at Intersection of Route 30 and Route 114, Salyersville, Magoffin County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 37° 43' 42" by West Longitude 83° 6' 51".

2. The Applicant shall file a copy of the final decision regarding its pending KAZC application for the proposed construction within 10 days of receiving this decision.

3. The Applicant 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 30th day of August, 2001.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director