COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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CASE NO.
2002-00026
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ORDER

On March 7, 2002, Crown Communication Inc. and Westel-Milwaukee Company, LLC, d/b/a Cingular Wireless-Owensboro (Applicants) filed an application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a wireless telecommunications facility. The proposed facility is to be located at 604 Scoggins Road, Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 37° 5 38.87 by West Longitude 86° 25 49.45.

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.

Pursuant to KRS 100.987, the Applicants have submitted the uniform application to the local planning unit. In its meeting of April 18, 2002, the planning commission with jurisdiction recommended approval of the application. 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 still 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 Commission received requests for intervention in this matter from Bonnie Stanley, Kelly M. Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Petty. By Commission Order dated May 22, 2002, the Commission granted intervention to these individuals and scheduled a hearing for June 20, 2002. However, the intervenors failed to file statements of their intent to appear and present evidence at hearing with the Commission. Therefore, the hearing in this matter was cancelled.

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 a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct the proposed facility should be granted.

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

Applicants should notify the Commission if they do not use this antenna tower to provide service in the manner set out in their 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 Applicants.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. The Applicants are granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct a wireless telecommunications facility. The proposed facility is to be located at 604 Scoggins Road, Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 37° 5 38.87 by West Longitude 86° 25 49.45.
- 2. The Applicants shall file a copy of the final decision regarding the pending KAZC application for the proposed construction within 10 days of receiving this decision.
- 3. The Applicants 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 25th day of June, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director