

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF APPALACHIAN WIRELESS)	
FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF)	
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO)	CASE NO.
CONSTRUCT A TOWER IN CENTERVILLE,)	2002-00030
MORGAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY)	

O R D E R

On April 3, 2002, 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 self-supporting antenna tower not to exceed 325 feet in height, with attached antenna, to be located at the head of Little Caney Creek, Centerville, Morgan County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 37° 50 19.1 by West Longitude 83° 17 44.4 .

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 the plans have been certified by a Licensed Professional Engineer.

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:063, the Applicant notified the Morgan County Judge/Executive. To date, no comments have been filed by the Judge/Executive. The Applicant 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 facility. The KAZC has approved the proposed construction and the FAA determination 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.

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 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 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.

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 self-supporting antenna tower not to exceed 325 feet in height, with attached antenna, and is to be located at the head of Little Caney Creek, Centerville, Morgan County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 37° 50 19.1 by West Longitude 83° 17 44.4 .

2. The Applicant shall file a copy of the final decision regarding the pending FAA application for the proposed construction within 10 days of receiving the 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 7th day of May, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director