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Linda C. Bridwell
Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
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Re: In the Matter of: The Application of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, d/b/a AT&T Mobility and Uniti Towers LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company for Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Wireless Communications Facility in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the County of Bath, Case No. 2021-00092

Dear Executive Director Bridwell:

SBA Towers VII, LLC (“SBA”) files this interim public comment¹ to notify the Commission that it has offered to modify the monthly rent currently charged to AT&T Mobility (“AT&T”) to continue to co-locate on the SBA Tower described in SBA’s Motion to Intervene to match the monthly rent to be charged by Uniti Towers LLC (“Uniti”), less \$10.00. The offer was communicated by SBA to AT&T through its representative, Ronnie T. Cheek, AT&T Area Manager Site Acquisition for NC/TN/KY, 4100 Southstream Blvd, Charlotte, NC. Accordingly, SBA’s offer to AT&T is an additional fact that this Commission should consider in rendering its decision (this fact that might have been presented earlier had AT&T sought to renegotiate its tower rent for this particular tower, as the Commission regulations appear to require). However, AT&T never sought to renegotiate the rent for this particular tower as part of an effort to find a reasonably available opportunity to co-locate.

¹ SBA files this public comment in recognition of the Commission’s September 9, 2021 Order denying its Motion for Intervention and without waiver and subject to its rights to seek relief, through appeal or otherwise, from the Commission’s Order denying its request for intervention.

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Thus, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:063 Section 1(s) and the Commission's Order of January 21, 2021 in KY PSC Case No. 2019-176, SBA's tower, a multi-tenant structure designed to provide a single coverage solution, remains reasonably available for continued co-location by AT&T. In addition, as AT&T has previously indicated that rent is the dispositive issue in this matter, it is now clear that AT&T and Uniti's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to build a new tower should be denied. AT&T can continue to co-locate on the reasonably available SBA tower and provide the appropriate wireless service to the area. This result is consistent with the goal of 807 KAR 5:063, to encourage co-location and avoid the unnecessary proliferation of towers, and is best for the community.

SBA is committed to engaging with AT&T concerning any SBA tower located in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, which may avoid the need for further filings before the Commission. Furthermore, SBA is happy to meet with the Commission as well to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

s/ Tia J. Combs