## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF	)
NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC,	)
A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,	)
D/B/A AT&T MOBILITY	)
AND HARMONI TOWERS LLC, A DELAWARE	)
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY	)
FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC	) CASE NO.: 2022-00062
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT	)
A WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY	)
IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY	)
IN THE COUNTY OF MCCREARY	)

SITE NAME: PARKERS LAKE RELO

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## <u>APPLICANTS' RESPONSE TO DEFICIENCY LETTER</u>

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, d/b/a AT&T Mobility and Harmoni Towers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (formerly known as Uniti Towers LLC) ("Applicants"), by counsel, make this Response to the Kentucky Public Service Commission's ("PSC") Deficiency Letter dated March 16, 2022 ("Deficiency Letter"). Applicants respectfully state, as follows:

1. The Deficiency Letter states the Applicants' filing was rejected due to a filing deficiency pursuant to 807 KAR 5:063 Section 1 (1) (m), which requires that an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct a Wireless Communications Facility contain "[a] list of the property owners who received the notice, together with copies of the certified letters sent to listed property owners." The name and address of every property owner who received notice was included as part of **Exhibit J** of the Application. A copy of the letter sent to the property owners identified via certified

mail, return receipt requested, was included as part of **Exhibit K** of the Application. Further, 807 KAR 5:063 Section 1 (I) requires the Application to contain "A **statement** that every person who, according to property valuation administrator's records, owns property within 500 feet of the proposed tower has been notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the proposed construction." (emphasis added). It does not require that post office certifications be provided. Return certifications are not available immediately after dispatch and would be impossible to include at the time of filing. Applicants object to this additional requirement being imposed. As an accommodation, not as required by law, and under protest, the Applicants have provided copies of the post office certifications for each landowner as part of **Exhibit J-1**. It should be noted that hundreds of CPCNs have been issued for similar proposals filed by the undersigned without requiring submission of similar certifications, and similar requests in connection with future sites will delay the deployment of infrastructure that is critical to daily life and development in Kentucky's communities.

2. The U.S. Congress in adopting the Telecommunications Act of 1996 in the Act's preamble recognized the importance of the "rapid deployment of new telecommunications technologies." (Emphasis added). Moreover, it is agency regulations, not ad hoc requirements, which establish substantial evidence in support of a wireless permitting decision. *Cellco Partnership v. Franklin County, et al*, 553 F. Supp. 2d 838, 845-846 (E.D. Ky. 2008). Establishing filing and/or review criteria beyond adopted regulations which serve to delay filing and processing of wireless facility applications is inconsistent with the longstanding practice of the PSC and federal telecommunications law, precedent, and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See 1996 federal Telecommunications Act preamble, 110 Stat. 56.

policy.

WHEREFORE, there being no ground for denial of the subject application and substantial evidence in support of the requested CPCN, Applicants respectfully request the Kentucky Public Service Commission:

- (a) Accept this Response for filing;
- (b) Issue a No Deficiency Letter;
- (c) Issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate the WCF at the location set forth herein without further delay; and
- (d) Grant Applicants any other relief to which they are entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **LIST OF EXHIBITS**

J-1 - Post Office Certifications for Notice Letters

## EXHIBIT J-1 POST OFFICE CERTIFICATIONS FOR NOTICE LETTERS





