COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF)
SKYWAY TOWERS LLC AND)
CELLCO PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS)
FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC) CASE NO.: 2023-00074
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT)
A WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY)
IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)
IN THE COUNTY OF CARROLL)

SITE NAME: LOCUST

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<u>APPLICANTS' RESPONSE TO DATA REQUEST</u>

Skyway Towers, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Cellco Partnership, a Delaware General Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Applicants"), by counsel, make this Response to the Kentucky Public Service Commission Staff's ("Commission Staff") First Request for Information to Verizon Wireless Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless dated March 30, 2023 ("Data Request"). Applicants respectfully state, as follows:

1. Commission Staff's Data Request requires Applicants to "[p]rovide all signed United States Postal Service Form 3811, otherwise known as 'signed green cards,' that correspond to the notice list in Exhibit J." Applicants are unclear of the basis for this request. Nothing in the applicable statutes require submission of signed green cards as part of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") Application for a Wireless Communications Facility. Furthermore, as a practical matter, it can take months before all signed green cards are returned. Therefore, requiring this documentation as

part of the CPCN Application review is impractical and will result in unnecessary delay. Accordingly, 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 available signed green cards received to date 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 this documentation, 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. There has been no change in the applicable regulations that would support the Commission's disparate treatment of Applicants here. Applicants strongly caution the Commission against similar requests in connection with future sites as it 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 "<u>rapid</u> deployment of new telecommunications technologies."² (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 policy.

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¹ Applicants have not yet received the returned green card for one of the landowners who received notice of the within proposal. Applicants agree to supplement this response once that green card is returned.

² See 1996 federal Telecommunications Act preamble, 110 Stat. 56.

3. An Affidavit of Certification signed by the attorney supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of Applicants' certifying that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry is included as **Exhibit 1**.

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 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate the WCF at the location set forth herein without further delay; and
- (c) Grant Applicants any other relief to which they are entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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LIST OF EXHIBITS

- 1 Affidavit of Certification
- J-1 Signed Green Cards

EXHIBIT 1 AFFIDAVIT OF CERTIFICATION

AFFIDAVIT OF CERTIFICATION COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I, F. Keith Brown, attorney for Skyway Towers, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Cellco Partnership, a Delaware General Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Applicants"), do hereby certify that I am the person supervising the preparation of the Response to Commission Staff's Data Request on behalf of Applicants and that this response is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Affiant: Date: 4/13/2023 State of County of Bull. AFFIANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT On this, the 13 day of April 2023 before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for the above state, personally appeared to me F. Keith Brown and in due form of law, acknowledged, subscribed, and swore that he executed this instrument as his voluntary act and deed. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal in said County and State on the day and year last above written. My commission expires on: Notary Public, State at Large

Further the affiant sayeth naught.

EXHIBIT J-1 SIGNED GREEN CARDS

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