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Judge Jim Ward
Letcher County Judge Executive
Letcher County Courthouse
156 Main Street – Suite 107
Whitesburg, KY 41858

Re: Telephone Conversation: Dry Fork Tower (PSC Case No. 2009-00064)

Dear Judge Ward:

It was good talking with you today about the proposed tower near Van, Kentucky. I know you want cellular service on Route 15 in this area for 9-1-1 service if nothing else. We, too, are a community-minded company and know what our service means to the safety and well-being of all of our citizens and others that pass through our area, and certainly want to build the facility for you.

There has been some talk of a prison, either a federal or state prison being built in Letcher County. As you said, there have been three or four locations looked at for the prison and no selection has been made as of yet.

I took your advice and called Mr. Matt Elliott of Summit Engineering who has been working on this project, helping to find a suitable location for a prison that would meet all the criteria for the Prison Board. Matt informed me that it could take up to three or four years for the Prison Board to make a decision once funding was available, but that no location had been selected as of yet. Let it be known that East Kentucky Network, aka Appalachian Wireless, would not hurt or harm any project that could possibly impact jobs for our area. It is not our intention to negatively impact anyone in any way and we are only trying to improve the lives of all around us. We think cellular service is a very good community service in many ways.

Not knowing if the prison is going to be built or not built, where or when, we will proceed forward with our project at Dry Fork (Lat 37-08-49.4, Long -82-52-06.4) once all of our approvals are met, and there are many. In the event that the Prison Board decides that this area is where they want to build, we will not hamper them in any way and, if needed, we will relocate the tower.

I really don't know what else I could say or do. But again, please keep me informed if you hear anything and we will certainly work together for a better Letcher County and Eastern Kentucky.

Sincerely,

Gerald F. Robinette
General Manager/CEO

cc: Mr. Jeff Derouen, Kentucky Public Service Commission