

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK )  
LLC FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF )  
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO ) CASE NO.  
CONSTRUCT A TOWER IN HARLAN COUNTY, ) 2009-00306  
KENTUCKY )

O R D E R

On August 10, 2009, 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 190 feet in height, with attached antenna, to be located on a tract of land approximately one-fourth of a mile northwest of Cawood, Harlan County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 36° 47’ 18.08” by West Longitude 83° 14’ 15.66”.

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 a Licensed Professional Engineer has certified the plans.

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:063, the Applicant has notified the County Judge/Executive of the proposed construction. The Applicant has filed an application with the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”), but the decision is still pending. The Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission (“KAZC”) informed the Applicant that no approval

was required from the KAZC due to the fact that the proposed construction is located beyond the 20,000 foot horizontal distance for Harlan Airport and does not exceed 200 feet above ground level.

The Applicant has filed evidence of the appropriate notices provided pursuant to 807 KAR 5:063. The notices solicited 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 that, 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

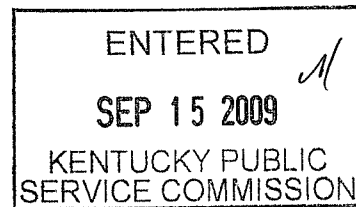
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2. The Applicant shall file a copy of the final decision regarding the pending FAA application for the proposed construction within 10 days of receiving the decision.


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 three months in the manner authorized by this Order.

4. The Applicant shall also notify the Commission in writing, within 20 days of completion, that it has finished construction of the tower and the date upon which said construction was complete.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

  
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