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Kentucky Public Service Commission, Executive Director
211 Sower Boulevard
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RE: Docket Number 2017-00435 - Notice of Proposed Construction of Wireless Communications Facility,
Site Name: Hansen

Dear Executive Director Gwen R. Pinson:

On November 27th, 2017, SBA Communications received notice that Tillman Infrastructure has filed an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission to build a wireless communications facility on a site located at 1641 Lee Burd Road, Benton, Kentucky 42025. The proposed wireless facility will include a 302 foot tower and related ground facilities. The notice states that AT&T engineers assisted in selecting the location and elevation needed to provide service in the area. In addition, a statement was made that this facility is needed to provide improved coverage for wireless communications in the area.

SBA Communications Corporation requests that the Public Services Commission intervenes in the proceedings for this proposed wireless facility based on the information below.

SBA Properties LLC has a leasehold interest and owns a 310 foot tower and related wireless ground facilities at 1709 Lee Burd Road, Benton, KY 42025 (36° 49' 23.05" North Latitude 88° 28' 34.54" West Longitude). The SBA tower was built for wireless purposes and AT&T is a tenant on the SBA Properties LLC tower and currently provides coverage from this SBA tower. Our current tower is approximately 760 feet (0.14 mile) away from the proposed Tillman Infrastructure site. Our current tower is in compliance with all regulations and has the structural capacity for the current AT&T equipment along with the other tenant(s) on the tower. In the event that a carrier wishes to amend their current configuration, SBA will have no issue in upgrading this site as necessary to accommodate any proposed equipment changes. In addition, the SBA tower is the same height or taller than this proposed facility. Based on our internal information and the information provided by Tillman Infrastructure, we do not believe that the statement provided by Tillman Infrastructure that another facility is needed to provide coverage is factually correct. We believe that this wireless communications facility would contribute to the unnecessary proliferation of tower sites in Marshall County.

In the event any documentation or additional information is needed, SBA would gladly respond via the contact information below.

SBA wishes to remain updated as to the status of this application (Docket Number 2017-00435) to the Public Service Commission and we can be reached at 561.226.9256 or via email to eroach@sbsite.com.

Sincerely,

Ed Roach
VP – Associate General Counsel