

April 10, 2018

Gwen R. Pinson  
Executive Director  
Public Service Commission  
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Frankfort, KY 40602

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Re: Case No. 2018-00002  
Application of East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless  
For Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to  
Construct a Cellular Tower in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the  
County of Powell

Dear Ms. Pinson:

As directed by the letters from the Public Service Commission dated April 6, 2018, East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless has submitted a written response directly to Michael L. and Patricia O. Sparks concerning their comments received by the PSC on March 20, 2018.

Please find enclosed for filing in your usual manner eleven (11) copies of said response (the original having been sent directly to Mr. and Mrs. Sparks). If you have any questions or concerns regarding the enclosed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Krystal Branham*

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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Michael L. Sparks  
Patricia O. Sparks  
835 Breckinridge Street  
Stanton, KY 40380

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sparks:

This letter is in response to your correspondence received by the Public Service Commission on March 20, 2018. You have expressed concern regarding the placement of the cell phone tower we seek to construct in Stanton, Kentucky.

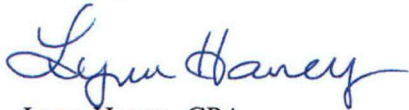
Placement of a tower in downtown Stanton is absolutely essential in order to improve service to East Kentucky Network, LLC's ("EKN") customers. Several other locations on which to place a cell tower were sought; however, we were not successful in securing those properties. Subsequently, the current site just outside Stanton city limits was chosen after careful consideration, balancing the need to improve service to the greatest number of people and the availability of suitable locations.

As a result of the new tower, the citizens of Stanton can expect improved cell service and faster data streaming in more areas on most cellular devices. Faster, better service can be an enticement for businesses seeking new locations. The new tower has already spurred our own desire to invest further in the city of Stanton, leading us to install a new storefront which has provided new jobs and fostered competition among the service providers in the area.

East Kentucky Network, LLC is licensed by the FCC to provide telecommunications services to citizens in the area, and we use our best efforts to construct the infrastructure necessary to provide reliable coverage. Cellular service is vitally important to economic development and personal quality of life. In addition, essential emergency service providers rely upon the wireless network infrastructure to protect the public. We believe that our services improve the communities where we operate.

Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lynn Haney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lynn" being more prominent than the last name "Haney".

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cc: Public Service Commission