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Gwen R. Pinson, Executive Director
Public Service Commission
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P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40602

Re: Case No. 2018-00296
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 Bell

Dear Ms. Pinson:

As directed by the letter from the Public Service Commission dated September 27, 2018, East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless has submitted a written response directly to Charles M. Asher concerning his comments dated September 27, 2018.

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

Sincerely,

Krystal Branham

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Enclosure



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Charles M. Asher
P.O. Box 2067
Middlesboro, KY 40965

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Dear Mr. Asher:

This letter is in response to your correspondence received by the Public Service Commission ("PSC") on September 27, 2018. You have expressed concern regarding the placement of the cell tower we seek to construct in Pineville, Kentucky, commonly referred to by East Kentucky Network, LLC ("EKN") as its "Flag Top" site.

As stated in your letter to the PSC, you met with our representatives, Marty Thacker, Stanton Neece, and J.W. Caudill, on September 28, 2018, in an attempt to address your concerns regarding the Flag Top site. It is my understanding that your concerns over the property lines were adequately addressed to your satisfaction and that you no longer believe that the Bell County Volunteer Fire Department ("BCVFD") property nor EKN's Flag Top site encroaches on your property.

In your letter, you declared the existence of a 185' tall tower owned by AT&T Incorporated located on your property approximately 850 feet away from the Flag Top site. A search of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Antenna Structure Registration ("ASR") database did not reveal any constructed towers within a half-mile radius of the Flag Top site. A copy of the search results is enclosed. However, satellite imagery did uncover the existence of what appears to be a monopole cellular tower located at approximately 36°42'36.08"N, 83°40'58.06"W as of October 19, 2015. Among the many tools available on the FCC website is a distance calculator which calculates the distance between two sets of coordinates. When the coordinates of the Flag Top site and the monopole tower located on your property are keyed in, the distance appears to be 0.471 miles, not the 850 feet claimed in your letter. A copy of the results from the FCC website along with a map displaying the location and distance of both towers is enclosed. No information

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was available to confirm the exact height of the monopole tower, but the lack of an ASR would indicate that it is less than 200' in height.

EKN goes to great lengths to select cell site locations which will benefit its customers to the greatest degree. Part of that selection process is determining coverage area and tower height. At nearly a half-mile away and less than 200' in height, the monopole tower on your property is too far away and too low in height to meet the needs of EKN.

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

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: Public Service Commission