## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY IN THE COUNTY OF KNOX

CASE NO. 2021-00030

## <u>ORDER</u>

On February 2, 2021, Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless and Harmoni Towers, LLC (Verizon Wireless) filed an application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct and operate a wireless telecommunications facility. The proposed facility consists of a tower not to exceed 260 feet in height, with attached antennas, to be located at Expresso Lane, Corbin, Knox County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 36°57′17.11" by West Longitude 84°02′12.53".

Verizon Wireless 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, Verizon Wireless has filed statements of having provided the required notifications regarding the proposed construction. Pursuant to 807

KAR 5:063, Verizon Wireless has filed evidence that the county judge/executive and all property owners within 500 feet and contiguous to the cell site have been notified of the proposed construction. The notices solicited any comments and informed the recipients of their right to request intervention. As of the date of this Order, no public comments or requests for intervention have been received.

Verizon Wireless filed applications with the Federal Aviation Administration and the Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission seeking approval for the construction and operation of the proposed facility. Both applications have been approved.

Having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that Verizon Wireless has demonstrated that a facility is necessary to provide adequate utility service and, therefore, a CPCN 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, Verizon Wireless should notify the Commission if the antenna tower is not used to provide service in the manner set out in the 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 Verizon Wireless.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Verizon Wireless is granted a CPCN to construct a wireless telecommunications facility. The proposed facility consists of a tower not to exceed 260 feet in height, with attached antennas, to be located at Expresso Lane, Corbin, Knox County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 36°57′17.11" by West Longitude 84°02′12.53".

2. Verizon Wireless 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 three months in the manner authorized by this Order.

3. Documents filed, if any, in the future pursuant to ordering paragraph 2 herein shall reference this case number and shall be retained in the post-case correspondence file.

4. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

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**Executive Director** 

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