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Kentucky Public Service Commission
Executive Director
P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

Case Number 2023-00296

September 27, 2023

Dear Executive Director,

I am writing this letter in protest of the application for the proposed construction of the Cloverfork Wireless Communication Facility by New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC doing business as AT&T Mobility and Tillman Infrastructure LLC, Case Number 2023-00296. The address of the site is 227 Industrial Park Road, Harlan, Kentucky 40831. I have several concerns about the tower.

My understanding is this facility is to improve the cell signal in the area around downtown Harlan. Now, the proposed site will not help in its current location due to mountainous terrain. The Public Service Commission is tasked with looking at "the general area concerned and the likely effects of the installation on nearby land uses and values." KY Public Service Commission, Case No. 2022-00010, May 19, 2023. The proposed sight is close to the Sunshine Community of Harlan County

The Fairview section of Harlan will continue to be a dead zone after construction of this tower. The signal from the new facility will be blocked by a mountain and will not reach this area. The proposed tower should be placed to utilize the best signal for the area the tower is serving. Which should be high on a mountain away from any residential community.

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appraisers to take the presence of nearby cell towers into consideration when determining the value of single-family residential properties. Studies show that proximity to a cell tower can lower property values from 6% to 10% see <https://archives.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/ref/sfh1-18f.cfm>

This tower should be constructed away from residential areas not just for a community.

Sincerely,

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