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Docket Number : 2025-00028

Executive Director

211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Dear Executive Director,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed cell tower installation in our community, particularly in the [specific location/neighborhood]. While I understand the importance of ensuring robust connectivity, I am deeply concerned about the health and environmental effects, and the reduction in property values associated with this project.

There is growing public concern about the health effects associated with prolonged exposure to radiofrequency (RF) radiation emitted by cell towers. Research suggests a possible link between RF radiation and adverse health effects, including headaches, sleep disturbances, and increased risk of certain cancers. Many experts recommend maintaining a safe distance between cell towers and residential areas, schools and healthcare facilities to minimize exposure.

The construction and operation of cell towers can also have significant environmental consequences. These include habitat disruption, threats to local wildlife, aesthetic degradation of our natural landscape and fire hazard. The proposed site for the cell tower is home to various species and vegetation that could be adversely affected by the construction activities and the continuous operation of the tower. Additionally, the visual impact of a cell tower can alter the character of our community, potentially affecting property values and the overall quality of life. The risk of fire is a significant concern, especially in areas prone to dry conditions or where the local fire department's response capabilities might be stretched thin. The addition of such a structure could potentially increase the fire risk to nearby homes and natural areas.

Numerous studies and real estate assessments indicate that the presence of cell towers can negatively affect property values in surrounding areas. Prospective buyers often view cell towers as unsightly and potentially harmful, leading to decreased interest and lower property prices. This potential reduction in property values directly impacts homeowners' investments and the overall economic health of our community. Protecting our property values is essential for maintaining the financial well-being of our residents and the attractiveness of our neighborhood.

Given these concerns, I respectfully request that the city council and relevant authorities thoroughly review the potential impacts of the proposed cell tower. I urge you to consider the following actions:

1. Conduct Comprehensive Impact Assessments: Commission independent studies to evaluate the health, environmental, and property value implications of the proposed tower.
2. Explore Alternative Locations: Identify and assess alternative sites that are further away from residential areas, schools, and ecologically sensitive zones.
3. Enhance Public Engagement: Facilitate open forums and community meetings to discuss the project and address residents' concerns transparently.
4. Implement Stringent Safety Standards: Ensure that the proposed tower meets the highest safety and security standards to mitigate risks.

We believe that engaging with the community and addressing these concerns transparently is crucial for any development project, especially one with such potential impacts. We kindly request the opportunity for public comment and consultation before any final decisions are made. By taking our community's health, environment and property values into account, we can work together to find a solution that balances the need for improved connectivity with the well-being and interests of our residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and am hopeful for a constructive dialogue on this issue.

Sincerely,
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**Notice of Proposed Construction of
Wireless Communications Facility
Site Name: Fairdealing West**

TowerCo 2013, LLC, T-Mobile and Celco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless propose to construct a wireless communications facility on a site located on the west side of Capp Springs Road (County Road 1115), approximately 0.8 mile north of US HWY 68, Benton, KY 42025 (North Latitude: (36° 51' 47.91", West Longitude 88° 14' 55.18"). The proposed facility will include a 260-foot tall self-support tower, plus a 5-foot lightning arrestor and related ground facilities. This facility is needed to provide improved coverage for wireless communications in the area.

This notice is being sent to you because the County Property Valuation Administrator's records indicate that you may own property that is within a 500' radius of the proposed tower site or contiguous to the property on which the tower is to be constructed. You have a right to submit testimony to the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("PSC"), either in writing or to request intervention in the PSC's proceedings on the application. You may contact the PSC for additional information concerning this matter at: Kentucky Public Service Commission, Executive Director, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. Please refer to docket number 2025-00028 in any correspondence sent in connection with this matter.

We have attached a map showing the site location for the proposed tower. Applicant's radio frequency engineers assisted in selecting the proposed site for the facility, and they have determined it is the proper location and elevation needed to provide quality service to wireless customers in the area. Please feel free to contact us at 317-637-1321 if you have any comments or questions about this proposal.

Sincerely,
Russell L. Brown

Attorney for Applicant
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NOTIFYING ME OF PROPOSED TOWER*



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