

KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION USE ON REVIEW REPORT

► FILE #: 4-J-08-UR AGENDA ITEM #: 64

AGENDA DATE: 4/10/2008

► APPLICANT: U.S. CELLULAR CORPORATION

OWNER(S): EDWARD & KATHERINE GRAVES

TAX ID NUMBER: 48 O C 052

JURISDICTION: City Council District 4

► LOCATION: Northwest side of Grove Dr., southeast of Rifle Range Dr.

► APPX. SIZE OF TRACT: 6.49 acres

SECTOR PLAN: North City

GROWTH POLICY PLAN: Urban Growth Area

ACCESSIBILITY: Access is via Grove Dr., a minor collector street with a 16' pavement width

within a 50' right-of-way.

UTILITIES: Water Source: Knoxville Utilities Board

Sewer Source: Knoxville Utilities Board

WATERSHED: First Creek & Knob Fork

► ZONING: R-1 (Low Density Residential)

EXISTING LAND USE: Residences

▶ PROPOSED USE: 90' monopole telecommunications tower

HISTORY OF ZONING: None noted

SURROUNDING LAND North: Residences / RA (Low Density Residential)

USE AND ZONING: South: Residences / R-1 (Low Density Residential)

East: Residences / R-1 (Low Density Residential)

West: Residences / R-1 (Low Density Residential)

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT: This area has developed with primarily residential uses under RA zoning to

the north of the site and R-1 zoning to the east, west and south of the site.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

- ► APPROVE the request for a 90' monopole telecommunications tower in the R-1 zoning district, subject to the following 7 conditions:
 - 1. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knoxville Zoning Ordinance.
 - 2. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knoxville Department of Engineering.
 - 3. In addition to the "stealth" structural design of the proposed tower, there shall be no exterior antennas.
 - 4. Since the FAA does not require any lighting for this facility, there shall be no lighting on the tower.
 - 5. The perimeter of the fenced area shall be landscaped.
 - 6. Installing the proposed landscaping as shown on the landscape plan within six months of the tower becoming operational.
 - 7. At the time of the request for a building permit, posting a bond or other approved financial surety that would ensure the removal of the tower if it is abandoned.

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COMMENTS:

This is a request for a new 90' monopole telecommunications tower to be located within a 2,500 square foot lease area located on the north side of Grove Dr. The proposed tower will be located on an existing 6.49 residential lot. The subject property is zoned R-1(Low Density Residential), and telecommunication towers are considered as a use on review in this district. The proposed design of the tower is considered to be "stealth" based on the facts that the antennas will be flush mounted with no extension devices and that the 90' tower will blend in with the surrounding 65'-75' tree-line. Antennas on a typical monopole tower are mounted on the exterior with 3-4 antennas per carrier with potential for multiple carriers.

The proposed site is surrounded by residential properties. According to the Knoxville-Knox County Wireless Communications Facility Plan, stealth structures are encouraged in residential areas. Due to the height of the proposed tower, (90') the Facility Plan identifies this as an "encouraged" site for a telecommunication towers. According to the Knoxville Zoning Ordinance, all towers shall be setback from all properties zoned R-1 a minimum distance equal to 110% of the height of the tower. The required setback for the proposed tower is 99 ft. According to the site plan the nearest residential property line is 110' to the north and 138.5' to the southwest.

The visual impact of the tower on nearby residences will be minimal due to its stealth design along with the fact that the proposed tower and equipment area will be located on a heavily wooded 6.49 acre lot. The tower is also setback from Grove Dr. approximately 300' which will significantly reduce its visibility from the road. The tower is designed so it will collapse upon itself in case of a natural disaster or other failure. FAA does not require any lighting for the tower. The tower will support up to two telecommunication carriers. All antennas are required to be interior to the tower. U.S. Cellular will be the principal client for the tower.

According to the applicant there are no existing or acceptable structures within this area. The proposed tower will be a "fill" site to relieve gaps in the present coverage. Co-location is not an option. All towers were tested for possible collocation possibilities. No other structure exists within the area needed to provide coverage (see the attached letter from Jackson Kramer).

Attached to the staff report are several support documents, including a report from MPC's tower consultant, Mr. Larry E. Perry. Mr. Perry's report describes the proposal and highlights his findings. Mr. Perry concludes that the 90' stealth monopole tower is technically justified by the materials submitted by the applicant based on the following criteria: stealth design; internal antennas; heavily wooded, 6.49 acre lot, setback 300' from Grove Dr.; and that the height of the tower will only exceed the existing tree-line by approximately 15'- 20'.

An agreement has been submitted stating that U.S. Cellular Corporation agrees to make all of its facilities available to other wireless providers (see attached letter from John Locascio).

EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, SURROUNDING PROPERTY AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE

- 1. The proposed development will improve overall telephone service, an will have minimal impact on local services since all other utilities are in place to serve this development.
- 2. The tower, being located adjacent to residential uses, is required to be screened. The applicant will be required to provide landscaping around the perimeter of the fenced area. In addition to the required landscaping, the proposed tower is located in a heavily wooded area (see exhibit 10). This will reduce the impact of the proposed tower on existing residential property.
- 3. The height of the tower (90') will only exceed the existing tree-line by about 20'. This will make the tower less visible from the surrounding skyline. The proposed tower will also be setback from Grove Dr. approximately 300'. This will make the tower less visible from nearby property owners.

CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE KNOXVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE

- 1. The proposed commercial telecommunications tower at this location, based on the fact that it will be designed as a stealth structure, meets the criteria required in the R-1 zoning district for approval of a telecommunications tower as a use on review.
- 2. The proposed tower is consistent with the general standards for uses permitted on review: The proposed development is consistent with the adopted plans and policies of the General Plan and One Year Plan. The use is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance. Due to the short height of the tower and the fact that it will be located on a 6.49 acre heavily wooded lot, the use will not significantly injure the value of adjacent property. The use will not draw additional traffic through residential areas.

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CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO ADOPTED PLANS

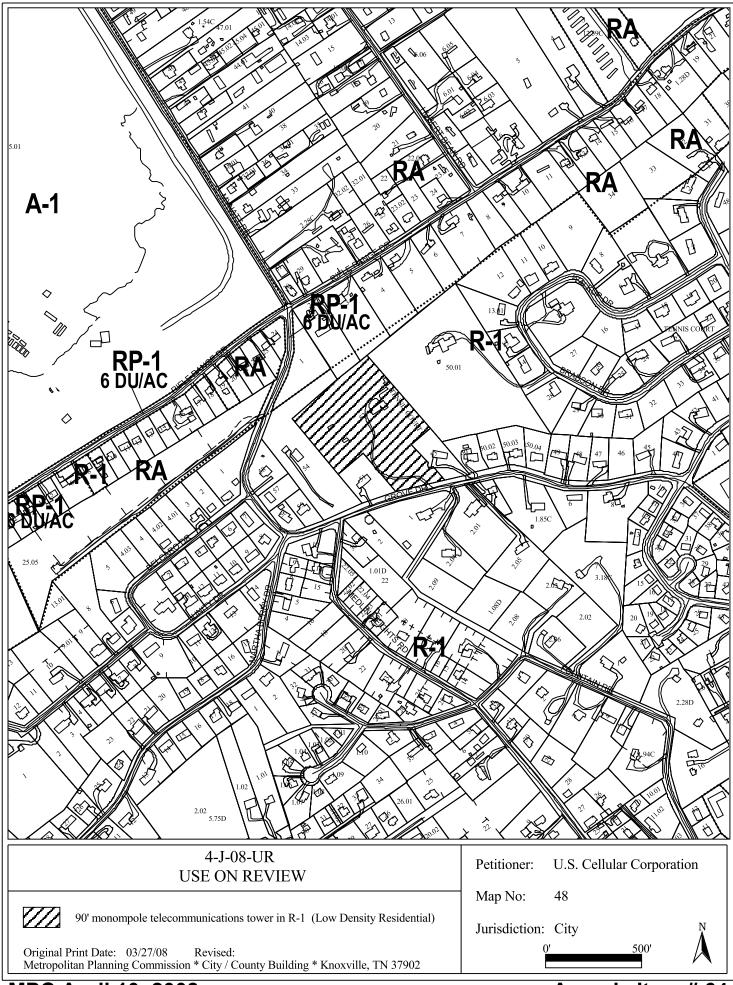
- 1. The North City Sector Plan identifies this property as being low density residential. The proposed development is consistent with this land designation.
- 2. The Wireless Communications Facility Plan identifies the proposed 90' monopole as a "moderate" monopole. Under the guidelines for Tower Placement section of the Facility Plan, the proposed tower falls within the "Encouraged" category based on the stealth design (see attached matrix). As previously stated, the tower will be setback 110' from any residential property line and approximately 130' from the nearest residence

ESTIMATED TRAFFIC IMPACT: Not calculated.

ESTIMATED STUDENT YIELD: Not applicable.

MPC's approval or denial of this request is final, unless the action is appealed to the Knoxville City Council. The date of the Knoxville City Council hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 15 days to appeal an MPC decision in the City.

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PROJECT # 33477-12 Seet NUMBER GG.01

TITLE SHEET SITE INFORMATION

SITE NUMBER 223-474

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APPLICANT
U.S. CELULAR
CORPORATION
9731 COGDILL ROAD, SUITE 200
KNOXVILLE, TN 37932

ZONING R-1 - RESIDENTIAL

AREA OF LEASE 2.500 S.F. (ADSTAC) PARCEL NUMBER(S) MAP 48, INSERT O, GROUP C, PARCEL S2

SITE SUMMAR)

DESCRIPTION 60.01

SITE NOTES

G0.02 GENERAL NOTES
G0.03 SITE WORK NOTES

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SITE PLANS

ELECTRICAL PLANS

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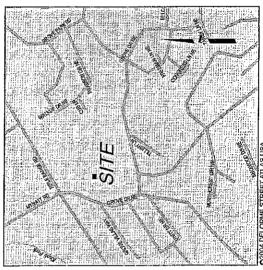
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TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER WITH MULTIPLE CARRIERS 90' MONOPOLE



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REGIONAL MAP

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GENERAL SITE NOTES

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PROJECT# 33477-12 PLOT SCALE

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PHONE:	BELLSOUTH CONTACT: THERESA NORTHERN PHONE: (865) 539-8578
POLICE DEPT.:	911
FIRE DEPT:	911
ZONING/BUILDING PERMIT:	KNOX COUNTY MPC AND CITY OF KNOXVILLE

OFF STREET PARKING SHALL BE PROVIDED AND MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT CONSTRUCTION,

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VERIFY THE SAME. ANY WORK DONE AFTER SUCH DISCOVERY, UNTIL AUTHORIZED, WILL BE AT THE CONTRACTORS RISK.

NO BURY PITS SHALL BE LOCATED ON THIS SITE.

THE UTILITIES SHOWN TO BE EXISTING ON THESE PLANS ARE BASED ON INFORMATION WHICH WAS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME THESE PLANS WERE PREPARED AND MAY NOT BE ACCURATE AS TO THE EXTENT, OR LOCATION OF UTILITIES. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY ALL UTILITIES AND HAVE THEIR LOCATION MARKED OR RE-

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ALL WORK SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL CODES OR ORDINANCES. THE MOST STRINGENT CODE WILL APPLY IN THE CASE OF DISCREPANCIES OR DIFFERENCES IN CODE REQUIREMENTS.

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O. ALL CONCRETE WORK SHALL CONFORM TO ACI 301

P. CONTRACTOR TO NOTIFY US CELLULAR TESTING REPRESENTATIVE 48 HOURS BEFORE CONCRETE POURS.

ALL CONSTRUCTION MUST CONFORM TO THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS, WHETHER OR NOT REVIEW COMMENTS WERE MADE NOTIFY INSPECTOR TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

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CONCRETE SHALL BE AIR-ENTRAINED (4% TO 6%) AND HAVE A SLUMP NOT LESS THAN 3" OR MORE THAN 5".

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SHALL BE STAINLESS STEEL.

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ALL CONCRETE WORK SHALL CONFORM TO ACI 318 BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR REINFORCED CONCRETE. ALL CONCRETE SHALL BE NORMAL WEIGHT CONCRETE WITH A 28 DAY COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF 5,000 PSI. ٥i

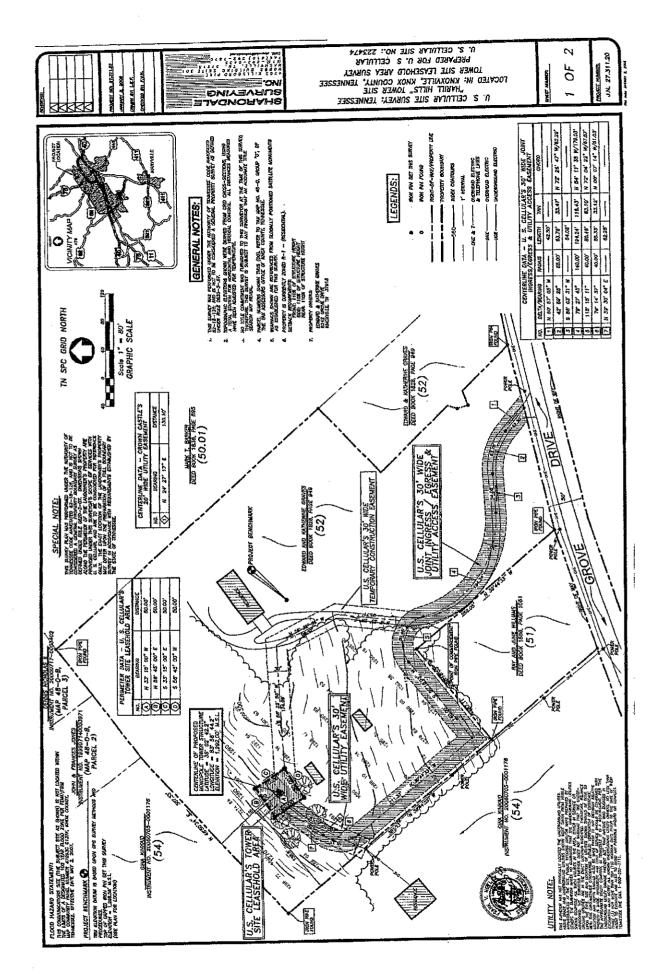
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CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOCATING, PROTECTING, AND RELOCATING AS REQUIRED ALL SERVICE AND UTILITY LINES IN VICINITY OF THE WORK SITE. က်

MPC April 10, 2008

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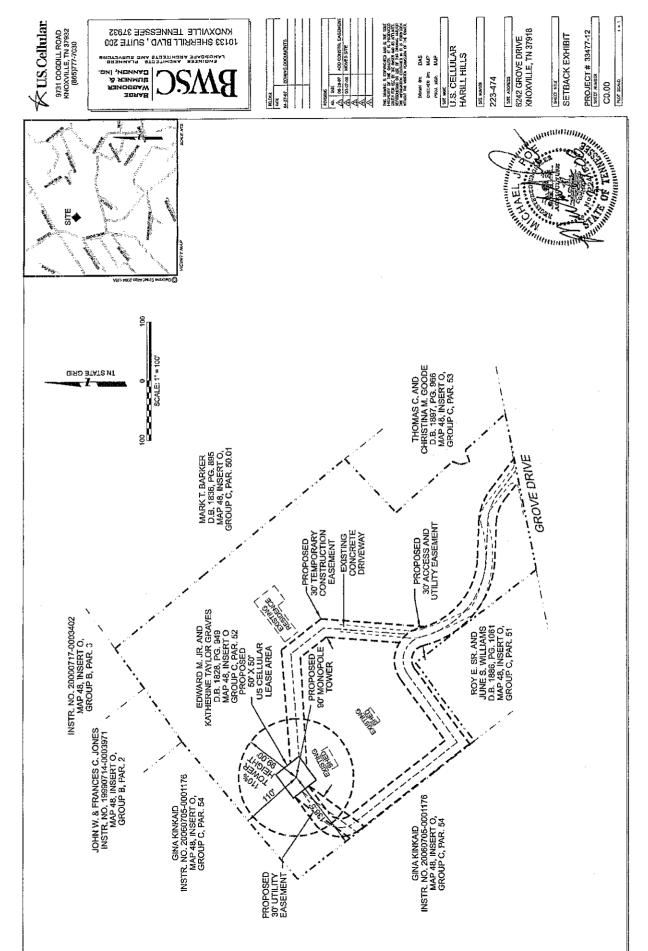
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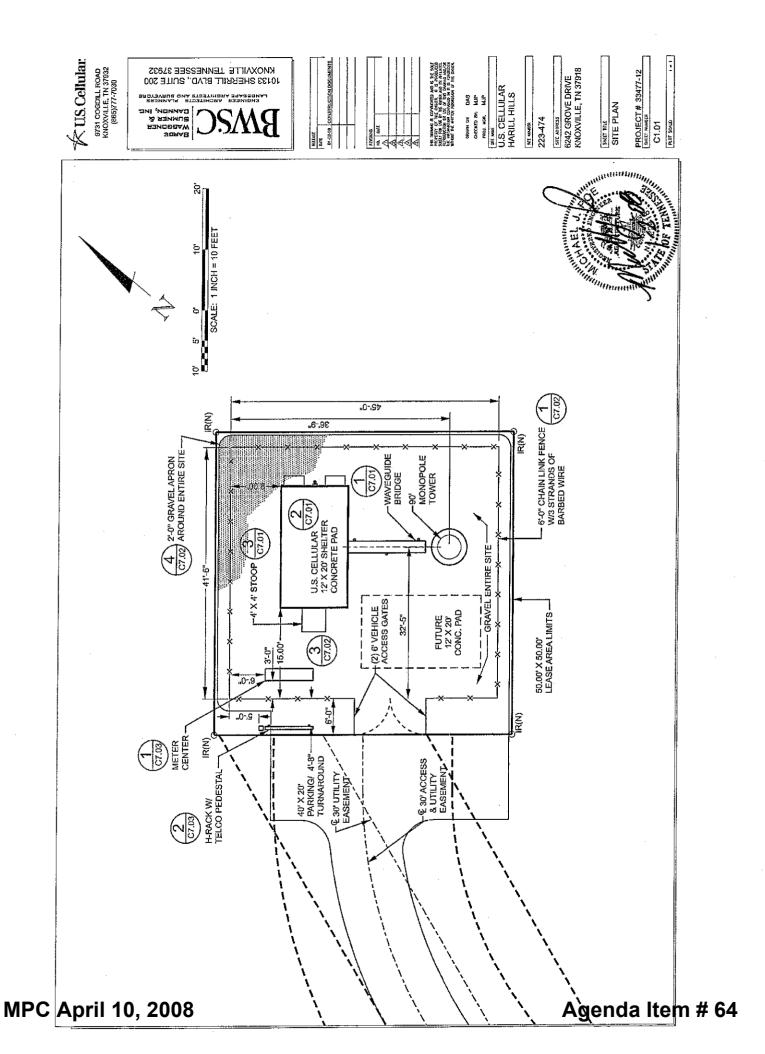
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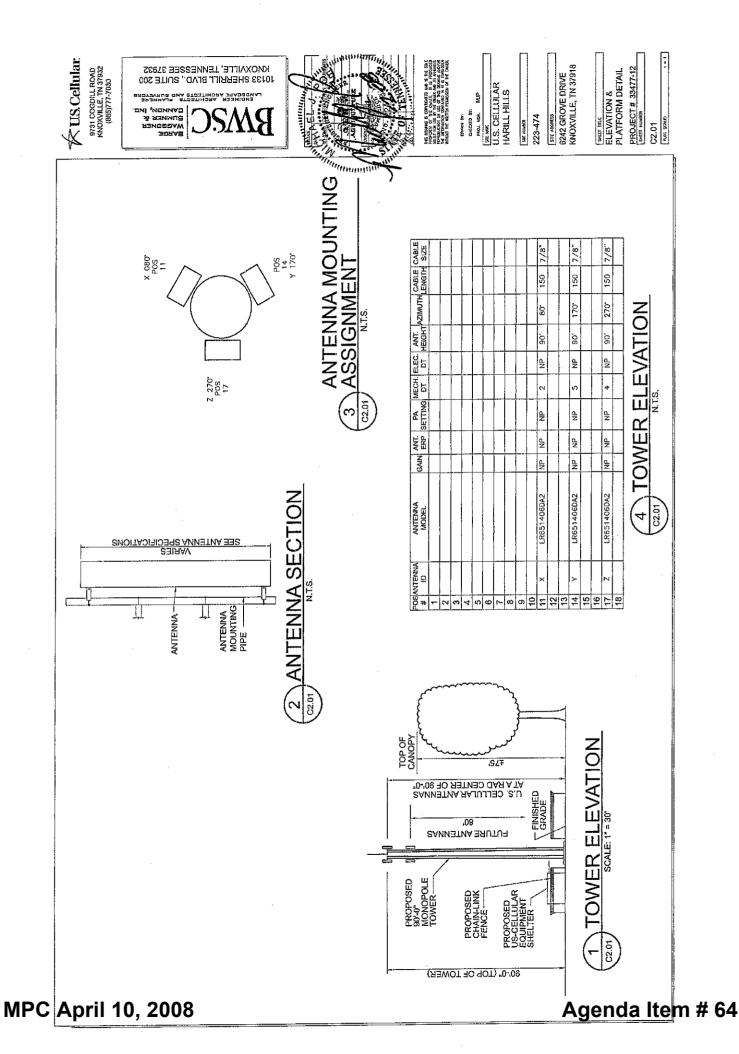


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March 10, 2008

Metropolitan Planning Commission City-County Building, Suite 403 400 Main Avenue Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

> U.S. Cellular Corporation Re:

Application for Tower Site Use-On-Review

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please be advised that the undersigned represents U S Cellular Corporation ("USCC") USCC hereby files the enclosed Use-On-Review Application and requests that it be placed on the agenda for the April 10, 2008 Metropolitan Planning Commission meeting Such Use-On-Review Application requests approval for a proposed cellular communications monopole to be located on property owned by Edward M Graves, Jr and spouse, Katherine Graves, at 6242 Grove Drive in the City of Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee Accordingly, enclosed herewith please find the following items:

- Completed Application Form as signed by an authorized representative of USCC 1 and as signed by Edward M. Graves, Jr, the property owner
- Information Summary and Table of Contents 2
- Ten (10) copies of the Development Plan with Exhibits 1 through 12 attached 3
- Our Firm's check in the amount of Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$580 00), made 4 payable to the Metropolitan Planning Commission in payment of the review fee

Our Firm's check in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), made payable to the Metropolitan Planning Commission for the Escrow deposit relative to the Professional Engineering Consultant's fee

As noted, USCC is proposing that a cellular communications monopole be placed on property owned by Edward M Graves, Ir. and spouse, Katherine Graves, at 6242 Grove Drive in the City of Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee USCC has entered into a lease with the property owner for the proposed site

USCC recognizes that pursuant to Article 5 20(B)(1)(f) of the City of Knoxville Zoning Ordinance, a professional engineering consultant qualified in the design and installation of wireless communications facilities may be employed to review its application. Accordingly, the One Thousand Five Hundred Dollar (\$1,500 00) escrow fee specified in the Zoning Ordinance is enclosed. USCC further understands that such fee shall not exceed One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500 00) in total

USCC proposes to construct a tapered stealth monopole structure ninety (90) feet in height that will utilize interior antenna mounts. A photograph of a nearly identical tapered monopole is attached to the Application as Exhibit 3. Please note that proposed monopole will be significantly shorter than the monopole shown in Exhibit 3.

Since the proposed monopole will be less than 200 feet in height, FAA regulations will not require the monopole to be lighted. In addition, as required by Article 5 20(B)(1)(a) of the City of Knoxville Zoning Ordinance, the monopole will be constructed to support two (2) antenna arrays for co-location purposes. USCC's letter of intent setting forth its commitment to permit co-location on the proposed monopole is included with the Application as Exhibit 4.

The monopole is proposed for this area in order to fill a radio frequency coverage gap experienced by USCC along Maynardville Highway, Broadway, Rifle Range Road, Dry Gap Pike, Cedar Lane, and other areas in the vicinity, and to address capacity issues on existing USCC sites Moreover, signal hand-offs from USCC's existing sites surrounding this area are impeded because of terrain blocking and because of capacity constraints

Radio frequency coverage maps showing coverage with and without the proposed monopole are attached to the Application as $\underline{\text{Exhibits 6}}$ and $\underline{7}$

In an effort to address tower proliferation concerns, USCC performed a search in the proposed coverage area for other existing towers on which co-location might be possible. As noted on Exhibit 1, no existing towers are located within a one-mile search ring.

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USCC also searched for other existing structures within the area of the proposed site on which co-location might be feasible No other suitable existing structures are present in this area

This proposed monopole is also consistent with the Goals, Objectives and Policies of the Wireless Communications Facilities Plan ("Plan") adopted by the Metropolitan Planning Commission in September, 2002 Although the proposed site is residentially zoned, the 90 foot monopole is considered a "low" to "moderate" monopole in height. Further, the proposed structure is a "stealth" type monopole design with interior antenna mounts, is located in a heavily wooded area below the ridgeline, and is located a significant distance from the public right-of-way

In addition, the proposed monopole meets the Plan's objective of being separated from any nearby residents by a distance of at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the tower height (in this instance, ninety-nine (99) feet) No property lines are located within ninety-nine (99) feet of the proposed monopole It should also be noted that no residential structures are located within ninety-nine (99) feet of the proposed site

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly

Jackson G Kramer

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U. S. CELLULAR'S HARRILL HILLS SITE NUMBER 223474

- Site Plan/Survey Attached to Construction Drawings
- No towers registered with the FCC as telecommunications towers were found on the FCC Data Base within a one-mile search ring (See Exhibit 1) FCC Data Base results of search ring is attached as Exhibit 2 (Note: Search ring shown on Exhibit 2 is a five-mile radius)
- 3 & 4 Application is made directly by the carrier -

U. S. Cellular Corporation 9731 Cogdill Road, Suite 200 Knoxville, Tennessee 37932

Contact:

John Locascio

Telephone:

(865) 777-7039

Facsimile:

(865) 777-7012

- 5 Basic Tower Information:
 - (a) U S Cellular Corporation ("USCC") proposes a monopole to be manufactured by Sabre Communications The pole will be located on property owned by Edward M Graves, Ir and spouse, Katherine Graves, at 6242 Grove Drive in the City of Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee The equipment compound and the base of the pole will be enclosed within a chain link fence six (6) feet in height
 - (b) The monopole will be ninety (90) feet in height
 - (c) Since the monopole will be less than 200 feet in height, no FAA lighting will be necessary.
 - (d) U.S Cellular will utilize a tapered monopole with interior antenna mounts
 A photograph of a nearly identical stealth monopole is attached as <u>Exhibit</u>

 <u>3</u> The monopole is designed and will be constructed to permit co-location for one additional carrier
 - (e) An area forty-five (45) feet by forty-one and one-half (41 5) feet will be enclosed by a chain link fence six (6) feet in height and topped with three (3) strands of barbed wire. See Construction Drawings, p. C1 01. The

monopole and all ancillary equipment will be located within this fenced compound.

6. USCC's Letter of Intent committing itself to allow shared use of the proposed monopole is attached as <u>Exhibit 4</u> Other likely candidates for co-location:

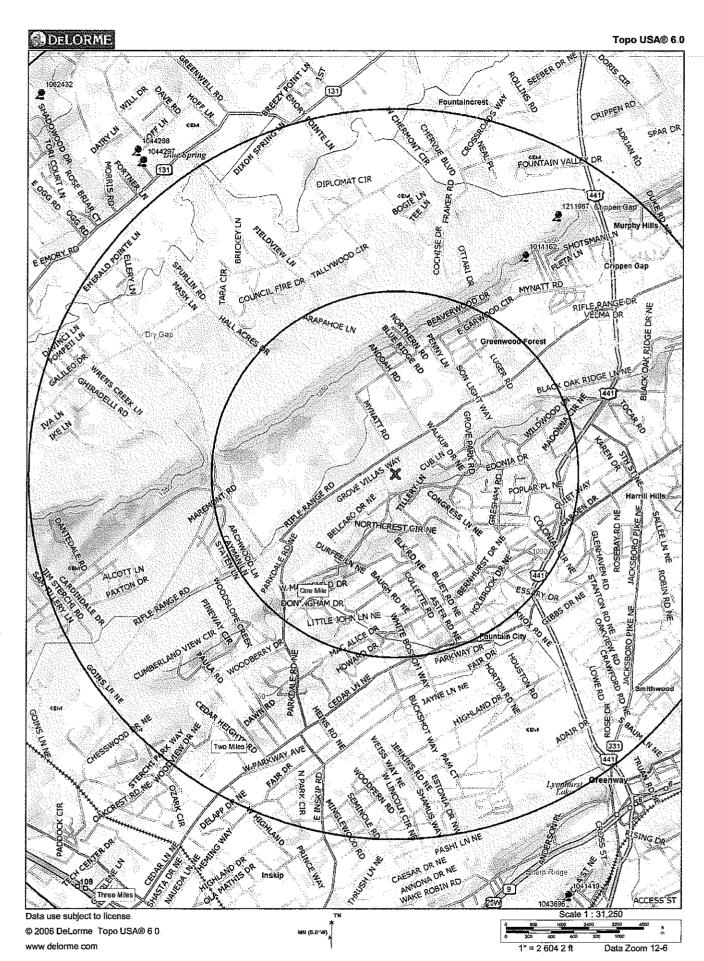
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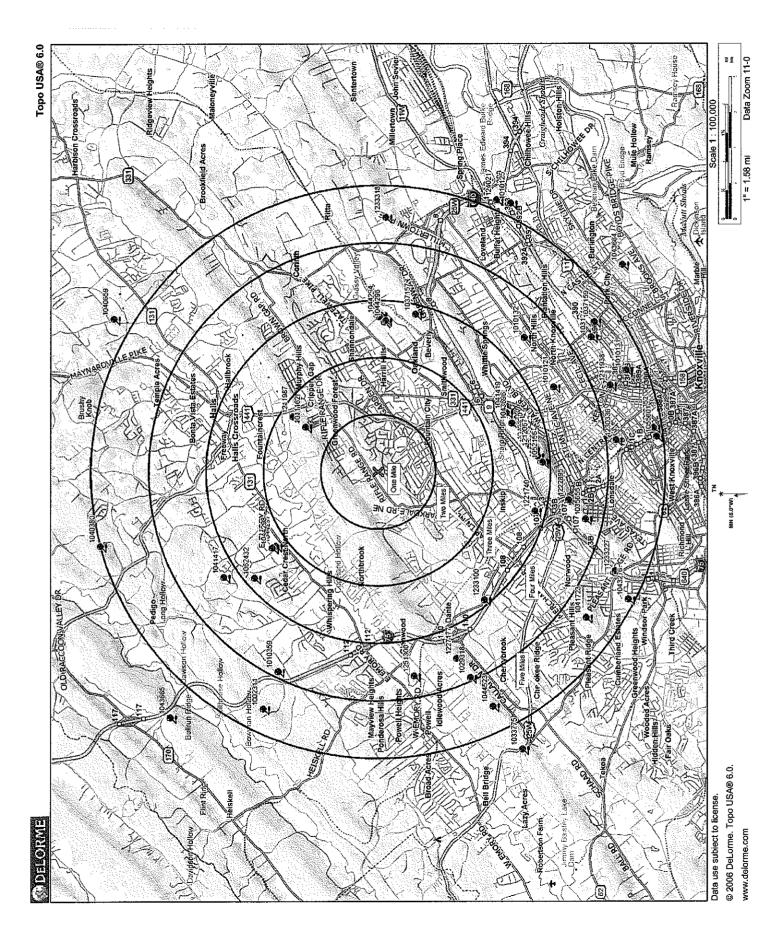
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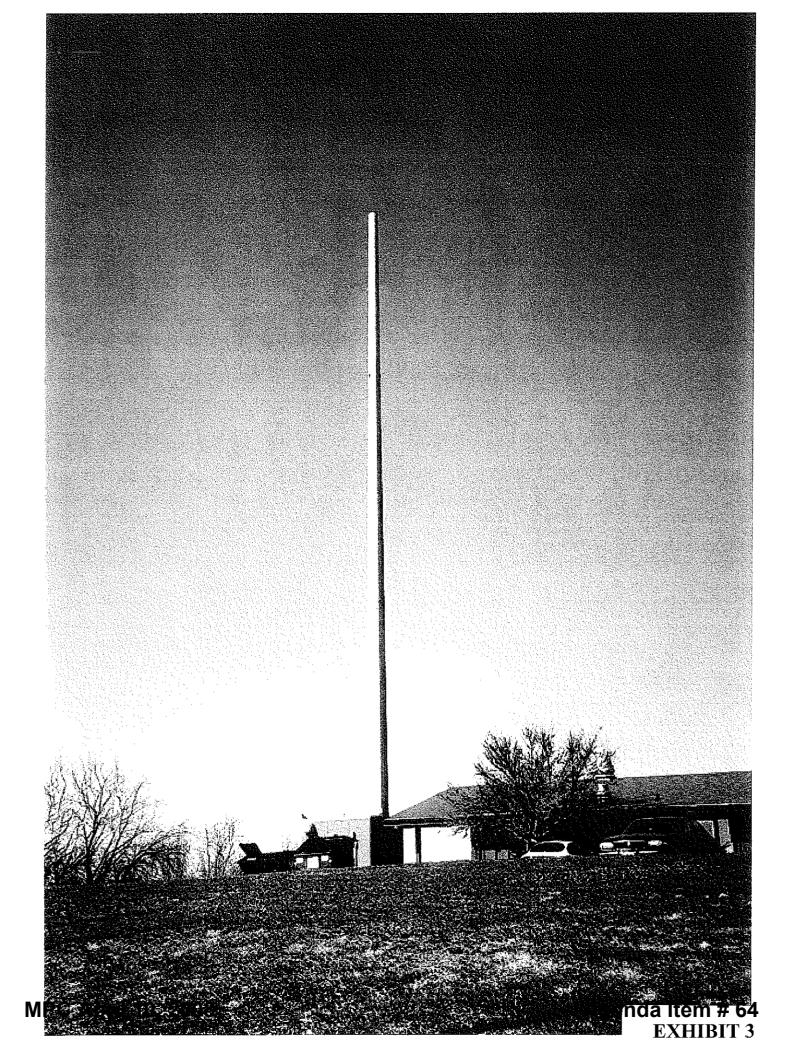
Proposed site is zoned R-1 Site zoning and zoning of adjacent parcels are shown on Exhibit 5 Map of larger area within one mile of proposed site to be provided by the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

- 8. Coverage Map without proposed site Exhibit 6
- 9 Coverage Map with proposed site Exhibit 7
- Proposed landscaping The site is heavily wooded and pursuant to Section 5 20(B)(4)(b) of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee Zoning Ordinance, USCC believes that existing natural vegetation will achieve the required screening See photographs of site attached as <u>Collective Exhibit 10</u> In addition, at the property owner's request, USCC has agreed to install certain landscaping in locations identified by the property owner However, should the determination be made that additional landscaping is necessary, USCC will meet the landscaping requirements of Section 5 20(B)(4) of said Zoning Ordinance
- 11 Technical Justifications Narrative Exhibit 8
- 12 Variances or Waivers from Ordinance Exhibit 9
- Photographs of proposed site <u>Collective Exhibit 10</u>.
- 16 Safety Statements Exhibit 11
- 17. Photosimulation of monopole on proposed site Exhibit 12

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March 7, 2008

Metropolitan Planning Commission of Knoxville/Knox County 4th Floor, City-County Building 400 Main Avenue Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

> Re: U.S. Cellular Corporation Proposed Harrill Hills Site

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is written to confirm U. S. Cellular Corporation=s (AUSCC@) commitment to shared use of its proposed cellular communications monopole site at 6242 Grove Drive in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee.

As you are aware, City of Knoxville Zoning Ordinance Article 5.20(B)(1)(a) requires that any proposed communications tower less than 130 feet in height be built to accommodate at least two antenna arrays for co-location purposes USCC is proposing that the monopole on Grove Drive be 90 feet in height. As is evident from Page C2.01 of the engineering plan submitted with the Use on Review Application to which this letter is attached, the specifications show that USCC is constructing the tower to accommodate the required two antenna arrays.

Furthermore, please accept this letter as confirmation that pursuant to City of Knoxville Zoning Ordinance Article 5.20(B)(1)(b), USCC and its successors are committed to allowing shared use of the tower at rental rates commensurate to those being charged in similar situations, so long as any additional user agrees in writing to meet reasonable terms and conditions concerning use of USCC=s tower and so long as space on such tower remains available.

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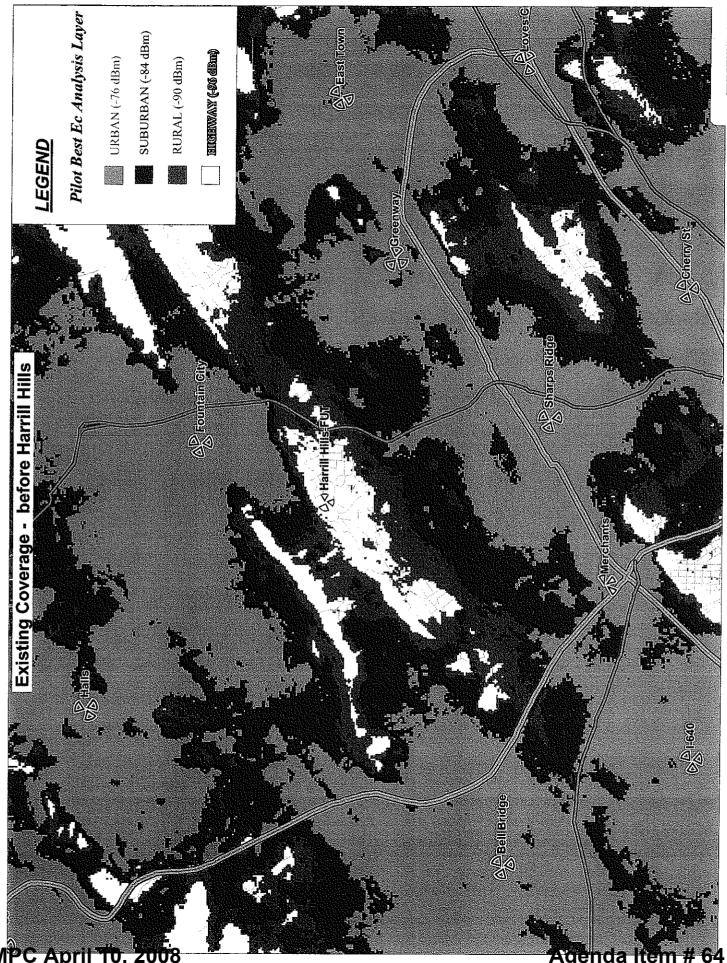
I trust that this letter is sufficient to address the inquiries posed concerning shared use. However, should you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact either the undersigned at (865) 777-7039 or USCC=s attorney, Jackson G Kramer, at (865) 525-5134.

Yours very truly,

John Locascio

Senior Project Manager

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TECHNICAL JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED HARRILL HILLS ALTERNATE CELLSITE

Prepared by: Isaac Ndiaye RF Engineer US Cellular

Proposal: Build a telecommunications monopole with a multiple carrier capability at 6242 Grove Drive, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee on property owned and occupied by Edward M Graves, Ir. and spouse, Katherine Graves

Tower: U.S. Cellular Corporation ("USCC") proposes to construct a 90 foot above ground level stealth monopole structure with interior antenna mounts. The proposed site is at 1292 feet AMSL per the mandatory FAA 2C survey. Because the height of the tower is significantly less than 200 feet above ground level, no lighting will be required pursuant to FAA regulations.

RF Justification: USCC proposes to build this facility in this area to fill in radio frequency coverage gaps as well as strengthen coverage in the areas of Maynardville Highway (Hwy-441), Broadway, Rifle Range Road, Dry Gap Pike, Cedar Lane, and other areas in the vicinity This facility will also augment existing coverage, provide additional capacity, and reduce access failures and dropped calls on existing USCC sites in the area in question

USCC's existing cell sites at I-640, East Town, Bell Bridge, and Halls are located a significant distance away from the coverage gaps and thus are not able to provide adequate service. The Fountain City, Merchant, Sharps Ridge, and Greenway cell sites are terrain blocked from the areas of proposed coverage improvements. In an attempt to address customer requests for better service in and around the Fountain City and Harrill Hills area, USCC is proposing this tower at this specific location to improve the coverage in this area. This poor coverage, as shown by the weak signal on USCC's coverage map, can only be corrected by a full cell site at the proposed location. Otherwise, the alternative will be to build several cell sites to cover the same coverage gap.

Collocation: The alternative of collocating USCC's equipment and antennas on existing structures in the surrounding area was considered. In accordance with the City of Knoxville zoning ordinance, a search was performed to identify any existing registered structures within one mile of the proposed site. There are no such structures within one mile of the proposed site.

EXHIBIT 9

List of Variances and/or Waivers From Zoning Ordinance Requirements

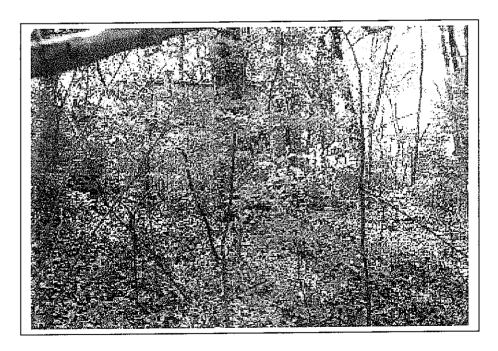
Applicant is requesting one (1) variance and/or waiver from the City of Knoxville, Tennessee zoning ordinance requirements:

Landscaping Variance and/or Waiver: Article 5 20(B)(4) sets forth 1. landscaping requirements for telecommunications towers. Section 5 20(B)(4)(b) states that "new or existing vegetation, earth berms, existing topographic features, walls, fences, building and features other than those described above may be used to meet the requirements of these regulations if the code administrator finds that they achieve the same degree of screening as 4 a." As can be seen from photographs of the proposed site attached as Collective Exhibit 10, the proposed site is heavily wooded Applicant intends to leave as much natural vegetation in place as possible, and Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the existing natural vegetation will accomplish the desired screening objectives set forth in the zoning ordinance In addition, at the property owner's request, Applicant has agreed to install landscaping in locations identified by the property owner Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests a waiver of the landscape requirements set forth in the zoning ordinance However, should the determination be made that landscaping is required, Applicant will comply with the landscaping requirements set forth in the zoning ordinance

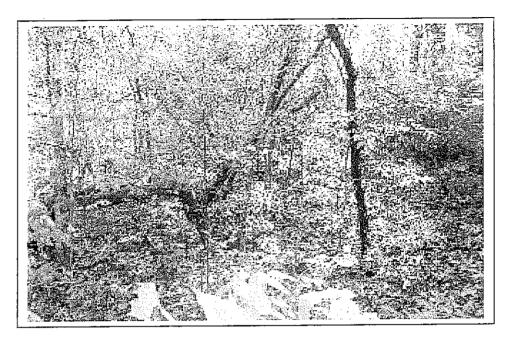
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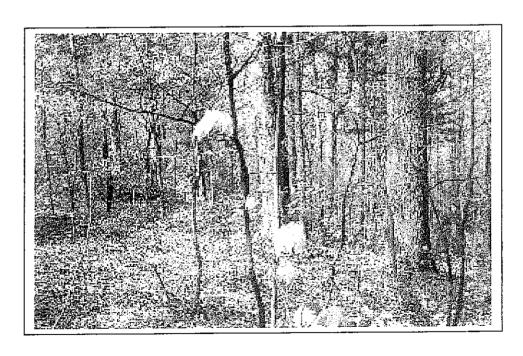
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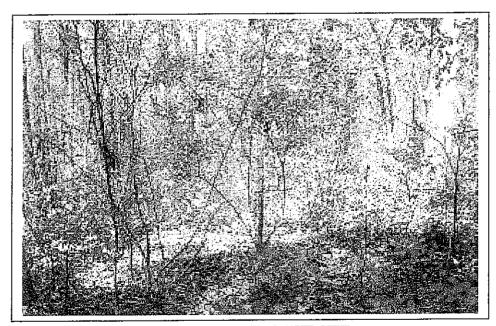
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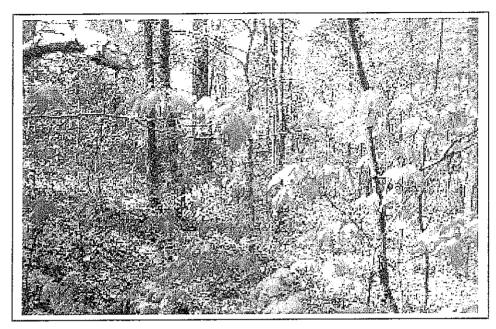
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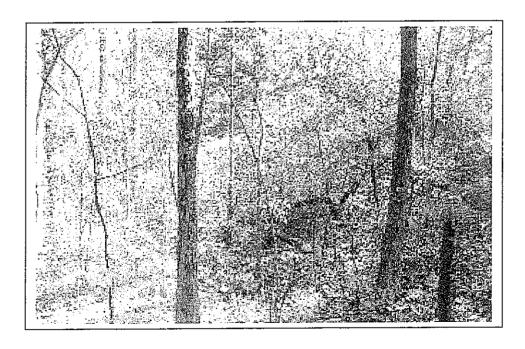
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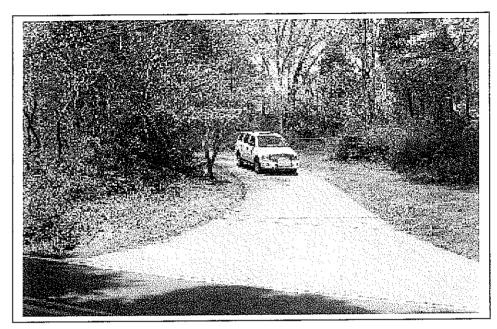
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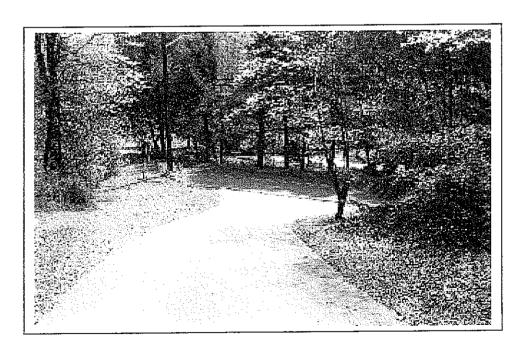
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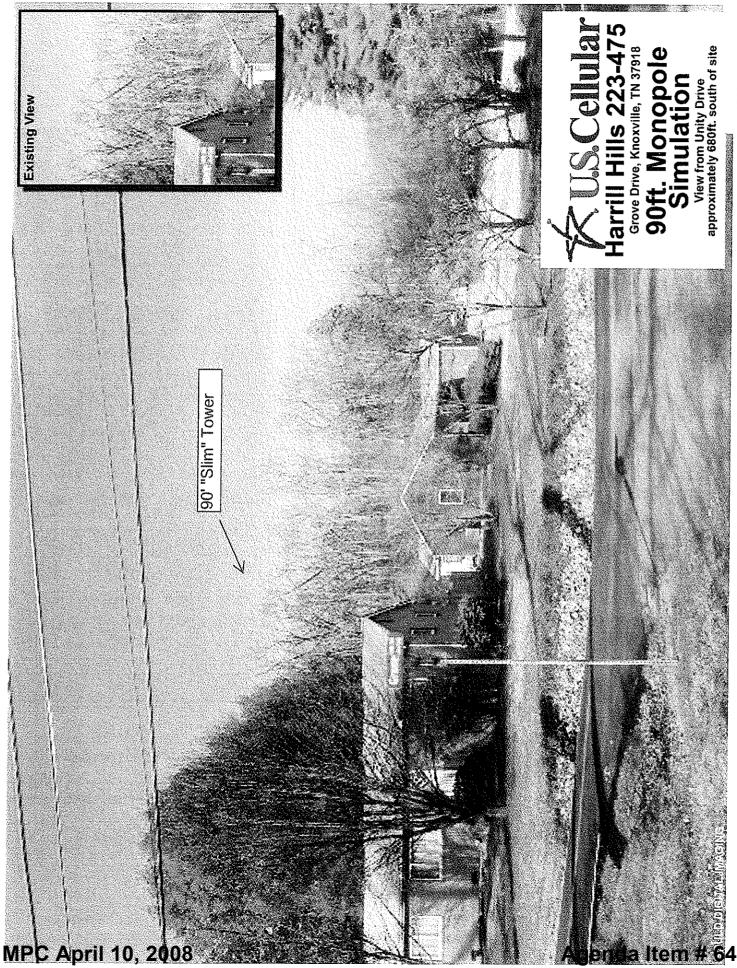
VIEW OF EGRESS

EXHIBIT 11

Site Plan shows that proposed site provides satisfactory protection from hazardous energies by children and passersby:

Applicant states that its site and the planned structures will more than adequately provide a barrier and act as a deterrent to any hazardous energies by children or other passersby in the area. The proposed pole and all equipment cabinets and ancillary equipment will be placed within a fenced enclosure that meets the fencing requirements of the zoning ordinance. The fence will be six (6) feet in height and will be topped with 3 strands of barbed wire (see Construction Drawings Page C1 01). The proposed pole will have no steps so as to prevent climbing

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March 27, 2008

Ms Kelly Schlitz MPC Room 403 400 Main Street Knoxville, TN 37902

RE: USCC---TOWER APPLICATION FOR GROVE ROAD

Dear Kelly:

Here is the Report for the US Cellular application for a new tower site on Grove Dr. I visited with the neighbors out there the other day and surveyed the site. I don't think there will be any problems since they are proposing a short antenna and a stealth one at That.

If you have any communications with the neighbors or need me at the MPC meeting, let me know.

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US CELLULAR

Telecommunications Tower Site Review

USE ON REVIEW APPLICATION # 4-J-08-UR

CONSULTANT'S SUMMARY

Harill Hills Site

Knoxville City

Location: 6242 Grove Drive

Proposed Tower Height: 90 foot Stealth Monopole

Address: 6242 Grove Drive

Knoxville, Tennessee

District: # 3 City Map Number: 0480C Parcel 052

Use: Telecommunications antenna support structure

Zoning: R 1 (Low Density Residential)

Variances: None required or requested

Waiver: Applicant requests a waiver of the landscaping requirement as the site is located within a heavily wooded plot of land.

Need: The applicant is US Cellular a licensed PCS carrier by the Federal Communications Commission and possibly other users.

Instant Proposal: Construct a 90 foot monopole stealth type support structure.

Consultant's Recommendation: The site and application meets the requirements of the Ordinance and the spirit of the Facilities Plan.

REPORT TO

METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

for

Proposed Telecommunications Tower Site Located at 6242 Grove Drive Knoxville, TN known as

HARILL HILLS SITE

US CELLULAR

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COMPLIANCE WITH

THE MPC TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY ORDINANCE

3/27/2008

The proposed site for the applicant is a 90 foot monopole antenna support structure (including antennas and lightning rod) to be located just off Grove Drive in a wooded lot. The supporting material from applicant has been reviewed for technical and Federal/State legal compliance As well as with the Knoxville City Wireless Communication Facilities Plan from 2002. This is a new telecommunications site. This site is known as a fill site (explained in the report).

REQUESTED

- 1. Location. The location is within the City of Knoxville limits in District 3 and is located on Tax Map Number 0480C Parcel 052
 - 2. **Zoning.** R 1 (Residential)
- 3. **Tower height.** The requested height is 90 feet above ground level will support up to 1 additional telecommunications carrier antennas for a total of 2 users. Lighting will not be required on this structure.
- 4. **Variances**. The set back requirements in Article 5 of the Ordinance for Knoxville City for "R 1" sites requires that the structure be set back a minimum distance of 110% of the structure height or in this case 99 feet from the nearest property line. The proposed site meets that requirement and no variances are required. However, the applicant is requesting a waiver of the landscaping requirement in Article 5.20(B)(4) of the Ordinance as the existing vegetation is in a heavily wooded area which provides adequate isolation from public view.

- 5. **Site**. This application is for the construction of a new stealth monopole type antenna support structure to be located in a heavily wooded parcel and is on a ridgetop overlooking Grove Drive.
- 6. **Use**. This antenna support structure will be used for telecommunications with the present state of the art communications technology using PCS and cellular communication sources. The applicant is US Cellular Corporation and there is 1 possible additional telecommunications user for the facility.
- 7. **Setbacks**. The setback requirements are that the facility must be 110% height of the tower from any dwelling unit/property line. The applicant meets that requirement and no variances are required. There are no property lines within that zone.
 - 8. **Height**. The proposed structure is for 90 feet.

EVALUATION

The following is a list of items reviewed:

Zoning Ordinance for Knoxville Tennessee by Metropolitan Planning Commission---Telecommunication Facilities Section (as amended thru October 1, 2004)

Knoxville City Wireless Communications Facilities Plan dated 2002.

Check for other existing towers capable of supporting the load and elevation clearance requested by the applicant herein and within 1 mile radius of site.

Check for Antenna Support Structure stress analysis for co-location users' equipment support

Review support structure drawings and specifications with applicant

Review FAA lighting and marking requirements and proposals

Review FCC requirements regarding signal coverage, towers and lighting

Review applicant's justification for site in compliance with the FCC's requirements for telecommunication company providers compliance with required coverage for the use of the general public.

Review Site plan by applicant Check Zoning

Check setbacks for building and antenna support structure

Check for compliance with Wireless Communication Facility Plan

Check proximity to other structures and district boundaries

Check nature of surrounding land uses Check surrounding foliage and tree coverage

Check design of tower for esthetic changes

Check height requirements necessary for coverage

Check separation from other towers

Check frequencies proposed for possible interference to TV and radio reception in the immediate vicinity of the structure.

DISCUSSION

I visited the proposed tower site that is a part of this review and discussed the area with the applicant. I also met with several neighbors in the area to discuss same. None had any objections.

The site elevation at this location is 1292 feet. It is located on a ridge adjacent to the landowner's house separated by about 200 feet and is in a heavily wooded parcel of land.

The request is for a 90 foot stealth monopole type structure. This means that the final structure will look like a metal telephone pole without the usual triangle platform at the top. The antennas will blend with the sides of the structure and be internal.

This a "fill" site. By that is meant that the coverage is inadequate in the area at the present from present facilities in the area and that the site is to be used as primary signal coverage to "fill in" a hole in the present coverage.

The site is a fairly high elevation location and by the addition of a cell site here, it would probably eliminate the need for other sites nearby. There are no other tower sites within a mile of this location.

The proposed structure should not affect adjacent property as it is on a parcel of land in a heavily wooded area and surrounded by trees estimated to be 65-75 feet in height. The stealth like proposed structure should have no impact on the area and it is isolated from the public view by the ridgeline and the trees.

It is located in an R-1 zoned area. Normally this would be an AVOIDANCE area in the Wireless Communications Facilities Plan as it is in a low density residential are and on a ridgetop which is the case here. However, the fact that the applicant is proposing a stealth type structure that is fairly short, 90 feet, only about 20 feet above the tree line, would tend to negate any of the normal negatives associated with a cellular antenna

structure in a residential area. The proposed location and structure type should have no visual impact nor detract from the landscape surrounding the site. The applicant has designed the site such that the structure does not exceed 30 feet above the existing tree line as encouraged by the Facilities plan. The site is in a heavily wooded plot of land and so will be surrounded by a natural foliage barrier to provide good screening.

The applicant has demonstrated a need for the site and meets the federal requirements for same.

DISCUSSION RE FACILITIES PLAN

The Facilities plan is a guideline adopted by the MPC in 2002 for the placement and appearance of wireless communications facilities. The

following discussion is based on this application and how it relates to the Plan. The plan is an advisory plan and not a legal requirement.

- (1) **View Protection**--The structure (90 feet) coupled with no lighting requirements and located in a heavily wooded area with the proposed height only about 20 feet or so above existing tree levels and thus, this structure should have no or minimal impact on the view in the area.
- (2) Land Use Compatibility---The proposed site is on a ridge in a residential area, but is surrounded by vegetation and a tree line between the public access road as well as the back side by trees. The site will be unmanned and will have no impact on noise, traffic or air pollution.
- (3) **Design Compatibility**---The proposed stealth monopole facility design would blend in with surrounding land usage and design. The new structure will be a monopole type structure which is the least obtrusive type antenna support structures with the antennas internal to the structure.
- (A) **Opportunity Areas**—This proposed site is in an area zoned Residential (R-1). It is unlikely to become a blighting influence on the surrounding area due to the site design and wooded surroundings.
- (B) **Sensitive Areas**---This site is not in a sensitive area as it is isolated and surrounded by woods and preexisting transmission lines.
- (C) **Avoidance Areas**---This location is in an avoidance area in that it is located on a ridgetop in a low density residential area, but that is offset by the site design using a stealth type short structure.

SUMMARY

(1) The proposed antenna support structure is a 90 foot stealth monopole including internal antennas. There are no lighting requests for

this structure nor are any required by the FAA.

- (2) A review of the structure stress analysis on the proposed structure and specifications support the use of the monopole by one other potential user in the future.
- (3) The structure design meets or exceeds FCC and EIA requirements.
- (4) The area surrounding the site is slightly wooded and zoned Residential. There are no residences within 110% of the tower height.
- (5) There is no general use technology (such as satellite communications) that is available at the present time nor in the immediate future that would negate the need for the structure. However, should such a technology become available and the structure of no further use, the Ordinance at Article 5.20 (C) requires it to be removed.
- (6) The proposed equipment housing facility is an outdoor cabinet and will have no impact on the aesthetics of the adjacent land uses. The landscape plan indicates that the fenced area will be surrounded by wooded vegetation that is presently existing. Should additional landscaping be required, the applicant is agreeable to providing same.
- (7) The applicant has received authorization from the various governmental agencies, including the Federal Communications Commission, to provide communication service to the citizens of Knoxville, Tennessee.
- (8) The requested site will have little impact on the community involved when compared with the benefits to be derived from the advanced service offered by the applicant.
- (9) There are no other antenna support structures within 1 mile of the proposed site that are usable for the coverage required.
- (10) There is a waiver requested for the landscaping. The fact that the proposed site is located in a heavily wooded plot would seem to negate the requirement for additional landscaping around the site. The applicant has apparently reached an agreement with the landowner for some landscape work as a part of the lease agreement.
- (11) The proposed site and structure will have no environmental impact within the federal guidelines.
- (12) The nature of the development in the surrounding area is not such as to pose a potential hazard to the proposed tower or to create an undesirable environment for the proposed structure.

- (13) Assuming that there are 2 carriers operating cellular or PCS transmitters/receivers at this site and all are operating at the same time, the radiation produced by the combination of all the users at the same time using the standards and protocols proposed and used by the carriers today, will be considerably below that established by the Federal Communications Commission and the EPA as creating any danger to humans or animals.
- (14) There is a need for the structure in this area to provide for the wide spectrum wireless internet service and for other wireless voice and data services to be provided under government regulation by the various proposed carriers who plan to use the site.
- (15) In meeting with several of the neighbors in the immediate area, there didn't appear to be any concern about the proposed structure.

RECOMMENDATION

In light of the analysis and review of documents, it is my professional opinion that the applicant meets all requirements of the Ordinance and the spirit of the Facilities Plan as discussed above and is required for the applicant to meet their coverage requirements for the City of Knoxville.

Respectfully submitted.

Consultant to MPC



March 31, 2008

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(4-J-08-UR)

Dear Kelley:

Thank you so much for getting back to me last week about the use-on-review hearing scheduled for April 10th concerning the Grove Drive property in Fountain City.

As I indicated in our discussion, I am strongly opposed to the cell tower planned near my property on Black Oak Ridge. It seems a shame to ruin such a beautiful ridge when there seems no shortage of cell towers

My primary concern, however, is the planned placement of the tower approximately 20 feet from my property line. It is also placed nearly exactly on the ridge top, like my home. My home is over 100 years old, and has been completely renovated with over \$200,000 in improvements. Placement of a cell tower will immediately lower my property value, and those of my neighbors

The property owner asking for the use-on-review has approximately 11 acres of land on which to place this tower should he push for such. However, it is my opinion that he should place it on the east side of his property, rather than adjacent to mine. Please consider that no one ever asked for my input or my opinion. I discovered this plan only upon noting the use-on-review sign, and my subsequent call to the Planning Office.

On another note, let me point out that the cell tower once planned for Sequoyah Hills was not approved due to the concern of property owners with strong influence on a variety of boards, as well as elected and appointed bodies. No less consideration should be given to my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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