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April 12, 2012

MPC Commissioners
Suite 403, City-County Building
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Re:

Agenda Item # 47

Optima Towers IV, LLC Keith Powell

Dear Commissioners:

Last year, MPC approved a Use on Review for a telecommunications tower to be located on Dave Smith Road in the far-east end of the County. The tower is designed to accommodate 5 antennas. It is at the top of a hill and is over a 1000 feet from a public road.

This Application seeks to amend Condition 2 of the approval dealing with road access to the tower. The original approval required it to meet standards set out in the Fire Marshal specifications.

The Applicant has offered two alternatives as evidenced by its engineers' reports attached to the Staff Report. James Duncan, the engineer with Terracon, will be present to explain those to you today.

Basically, both proposals provide a roadway that structurally will meet the Knox County policy including width, carrying load and turnarounds. The only difference will be that the surface will not be asphalt all the way to the telecommunications tower. However, in all other respects, these road proposals will carry the necessary construction equipment and any emergency vehicles that would ever be called to the tower.

Respectfully, we ask that these be approved.

Typically after the tower is constructed, there are very infrequent trips. A maintenance truck will visit the site once a month and as antennas are added, there will be other construction trucks there but that would be very infrequent.

We would ask that you approve either one or both of the proposals submitted by the engineers as an acceptable design for the roadway to this tower.

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Re: Optima Towers IV, LLC

We will be at the meeting today to discuss this matter.

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Sincerely

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