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RE: WVUX Tower Site

Mrs. Karr, I was contacted by you on September 22, 2020, to possibly Install your Antenna on a tower in the Shinnston area. You discussed that if you could not obtain a lease for space on the existing tower in Shinnston you would be looking in the Harrison County area. I asked for you to send me the specifications and the elevation that the antenna would be Installed, and I would send you a quote for the labor to do the work. Sadly, the lease agreement on the tower did not execute and we were unable to install the antenna on the Shinnston tower. I was told at the time that Michael Karr was in negotiations with the 911 Folks in Harrison County to locate your antenna in the PK Tower located in Clarksburg, WV. My Company built the PK tower, and we were confident we could Install your antenna quickly on that tower once the lease was executed. The negotiation seemed to be stalled (for months) by COVID restrictions for County Commission Meeting and Courthouse closure making getting approval impossible. Eventually WVUX was denied the ability to collocate on the PK Tower at all.

In February, you contacted me again to let me know you were getting kicked off the temporary tower you were currently on and thus began the hunt for another location to locate your antenna. Throughout the Month of February Michael Karr and I looked for other towers in the area. It was difficult as people were reluctant to meet because of Covid Restrictions. We looked at several sites together and Michael viewed other sites on his own. None of the existing towers we looked at would lease space to WVUX. I personally called the AT N T folks regarding the tower located on Sun Valley Road and they were not interested in any collocation opportunities for their tower. We traveled to the Tower on the Sycamore Road and just so happened while we were there getting phone

numbers, the tower owner came by, and he told us that City Net had just taken over the tower and would be installing new equipment on the tower leaving no room for anyone else. We then started looking for land to lease and build on. I contacted Gene Rogers and he had property out on Katy Lick and Gregory's Run, both properties were too low in elevation (1000ft) to make it feasible to construct a new tower. I could not offer a Quote or budget for construction until we knew where the site would be which would determine the type of tower and how tall the tower would need to be.

Mr. Karr then located the Staley site and the RF propagation looked promising, so he asked me to meet him on the property to see if it was suitable for construction. We traveled to the site took a GPS reading and viewed the area for approved for construction. In March, we hired an Engineering firm do a 1 A and file with the FAA for a determination to see how tall a tower we would be able to build. The preliminary study brought several questions that had to be addressed and then an extended study was needed and finally on May 12, 2021, we received the FAA Determination finding no obstruction for 480ft Tower. I provided a budget and quote for a 480ft tower on May 29, 2021. There were several delays in getting material quotes and service quotes (crane rental etc.) (tower steel) (Concrete) All companies are facing labor challenges as well as supplier difficulties obtaining raw materials because of the affects of the Covid pandemic.

Further Environmental Engineering and permitting will need to take place before actual construction can take place. I am concerned that the cost of the project will continue to increase overtime because of the inability for vendors to obtain supplies to maintain trained skilled employees. I am currently working on a project that I ordered the tower steel in January and the tower was scheduled to deliver June 8th and now has been delayed four to eight weeks because the can not get the steel bar needed to make the tower legs.

WVUX has made a concerted effort to re locate and has tackled obstacle after obstacle to complete this project. Time is of the essence as the permits and the Environmental Study can take up to three months and the tower manufacturers are currently scheduling delivery at twelve weeks plus then the construction season will be over with winter weather preventing work. Please ask the FCC to consider these items to allow WVUX to swiftly move forward to complete this project.

Respectfully,

Marion Dougherty