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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
 PROPOSED COMMUNICATIONS TOWER FACILITIES
 STATE-WIDE, MISSISSIPPI**

BACKGROUND

The State of Mississippi Wireless Communication Commission (MWCC) (applicant) has applied for funding under the Mississippi Interoperable Communications Grant Program (MICGP) administered by FEMA for the construction of the following twenty communication tower facilities:

Tower ID	Height (feet asl)	Type	Location	Town	County
20102	430	Guyed	Off of Mott Headley Road	Port Gibson	Claiborne
20103	340	Guyed	Off of John Hay Road	Bowerton	Copiah
20111	300	Self support	Off of Old Cain Ridge Road	Vicksburg	Warren
20112	300	Self support	Off of Fire Tower Road	Vicksburg	Warren
20113	450	Guyed	Off of Society Ridge Road	Ridgeland	Madison
20115	400	Guyed	Off of Highway 43	Sharon	Madison
20116	400	Guyed	Off of Smith Road	Satartia	Yazoo
20119	450	Guyed	Off of Learsville Road	Yazoo City	Yazoo
20601	490	Guyed	Off of Highway 531	Bay Springs	Smith
20608	600	Guyed	Off of Mudline Road	Lake	Scott
20614	350	Guyed	Off of Rosebud School Road	Walnut Grove	Leake
20619	350	Guyed	2242 Old Pickens Road	Kosciusko	Leake
20505	480	Guyed	Off of County Road 64	Stewart	Webster
20506	570	Guyed	Off of State Road 404	Eupora	Webster
20510	400	Guyed	Off of County Road 263	Bruce	Calhoun
20604	490	Guyed	Off of County Road 456	Middleton	Clarke
20612	430	Guyed	Off of Sims Road	Decatur	Newton
20613	600	Guyed	Off of Newton County Martin Rd	Collinsville	Lauderdale
20615	420	Guyed	Off of County Road 541	Philadelphia	Neshoba
20618	430	Guyed	Off of Highway 25	Kosciusko	Leake

The proposed telecommunications sites would be part of the Mississippi Wireless Integrated Network (MSWIN) project, which is intended to provide and enhance interoperable communications uses for a wide variety of government, public safety, and first-responder users within the State of Mississippi.

Environmental Assessments (EAs) for each proposed site were prepared by the applicant in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the President's Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1500-1508) implementing NEPA, and FEMA's regulations at 44 CFR Part 10 implementing NEPA. The EAs also consider impacts under other environmental and historic preservation laws and requirements, including the National Historic Preservation Act, Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), and Presidential Executive Orders (E.O.) 11988 (Floodplain Management) and 11990 (Protection of Wetlands).

The EAs evaluated the no action alternative and the propose action alternative. These alternatives were evaluated for potential adverse impacts to wetlands and floodplains, threatened and endangered species, migratory birds, farmland, historic properties, and cultural resources. The proposed projects were coordinated with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and interested Tribes via the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) tower construction notification email system. As part of the EA process, the applicant requested public comments through a Public Notice in the Clarion Ledger on May 28, 2010. No comments were received.

CONDITIONS

The applicant is responsible for obtaining and complying with all required local, State and Federal permits and approvals, including any required by the FCC and the Federal Aviation Administration. Failure to obtain all required permits and approvals may jeopardize federal funding.

The applicant will allow FWS site visits for conducting avian collision and mortality surveys under the MBTA.

The applicant will monitor ground disturbance during the construction phase. If any potential human skeletal remains or historic or archeological materials are discovered, all ground-disturbing activities will immediately cease and the applicant will notify the coroner's office (in the case of human remains), MDAH, interested tribes (as listed in the Inadvertent Discovery section of the EAs), and FEMA.

FINDING

Based upon the EAs and in accordance with 44 CFR Part 10 and E.O. 11988 and 11990, FEMA has determined that the proposed actions would not have any significant adverse impacts on the natural and human environment. As a result of this FONSI, an

Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared and the proposed projects may proceed.

Approved



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