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October 18, 2007

Hancock County Courthouse
Post Office Box 39
Carthage, Illinois 62321-0039

Re: Cellular telephone coverage improvement

To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to thank you for considering our request to improve cellular telephone service in the southeastern part of Hancock County, Illinois.

The "spotty" coverage in that area became apparent during a recent disaster training drill. Immediately, we telephoned U.S. Cellular and were put in contact with Steve. He informed me the budget for tower construction was exhausted for this budget year, but next year was a possibility.

We understand the costs involved with expenses like tower construction, and revenue needs to offset the costs. Please contact us if you need help finding addresses, telephone numbers, and property owners, or letters of support with licensing agencies.

The Hancock County Board appreciates your fast and honest reply to me. If your business would like to give a brief presentation to the county board sometime, please let us know. We would enjoy hosting you. The Hancock County Board meets on the third Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 P.M., Courthouse, Third Floor, 500 Main Street, Carthage, Illinois 62321.

Please contact the County Clerk and Recorder's Office if you require assistance or wish to contact the county board.

Sincerely,



Randy White
County Board Member



Kerry Asbridge
Hancock County Clerk



Mr. Randy White
Hancock County Board Member
PO Box 39
Carthage, IL 62321-0039

January, 9 2008

RE: "Cellular telephone coverage improvement" letter dated October 18, 2007

Mr. White:

Thank you for your letter of concern regarding coverage issues experienced last fall in the southeastern portion of Hancock County as well as your offer to support our cellular antenna site development efforts within the county. U.S. Cellular® is constantly working to further improve our customer experience through network infrastructure enhancements in Hancock County most recently demonstrated by our new cellular site located in Hamilton, IL.

While your letter dated October 18th, 2007 did not provide specifics regarding the location where you had experienced a lack of service, I am pleased to inform the county that U.S. Cellular® has immediate plans to improve service within the general area of southeastern Hancock County you mentioned in your letter. Our network plans for 2008 include among other projects the development of a cellular antenna facility in Augusta, IL located in southeast Hancock County. This project is funded for development in 2008. Should our construction and regulatory efforts in securing this location succeed, it is expected that this cellular site will be brought to "On-Air" status in 2008.

Thank you again for your communication on this issue and please feel free to contact me should you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Noonan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sean Noonan
Regional Manager of RF Engineering
U.S. Cellular®, Midwest Region
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