

**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

February 14, 2023

Virginia Coalfield Coalition (VCC)

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Lebanon, Virginia, 24266

Prepared by Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission -- (276)-889-1778

**This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.**

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about March 17, 2023 the Virginia Coalfield Coalition will submit a request to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the release of Appalachian Regional Commission ARC POWER+ funds as amended under the Appalachian Redevelopment Act of 1965 to undertake a project known as *the Buchanan-Tazewell Wireless Communication Job Growth Corridor* for the purpose of constructing and activating six (6) new cellular towers along US Route 460 between the communities of Red Ash and Vansant.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The Virginia Coalfield Coalition has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the offices of the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission, located at 224 Clydesway Drive, Lebanon, VA 24266, between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM and may be examined or copied on weekdays at the times listed. A digital copy of the Environmental Review record is also available upon request by calling the number listed in this notice's heading or by emailing [CPerkins@cppdc.org](mailto:CPerkins@cppdc.org).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission—PO Box 548, 224 Clydesway Drive, Lebanon, VA 24266. All comments received by March 16, 2023 will be considered by the Virginia Coalfield Coalition prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

## **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The Virginia Coalfield Coalition certifies to DHCD that Scotty Wampler in his capacity as Co-Executive Director consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. DHCD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Virginia Coalfield Coalition to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

DHCD will consider objections to its release of funds and the Virginia Coalfield Coalition's certification received by April 1, 2023 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the Virginia Coalfield Coalition approved by DHCD; (b) the Virginia Coalfield Coalition has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DHCD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to DHCD at:

Director  
Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development  
Attn: Program Administration and Assistance Office  
Main Street Centre  
600 E. Main St., Suite 300  
Richmond, Virginia 23219-2430  
(804) 371-7061 [TTP 371-7089 / FAX 371-7093]

Potential objectors should contact DHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

**Scotty Wampler, Co-Executive Director**  
**Virginia Coalfield Coalition**