Occupational Safety and Health Administration 100 N. Broadway Suite 470 Wichita, KS 67202

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# Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:

Wireless Horizon, Inc. and its successors 7870 MEXICO ROAD Saint Peters, MO 63376

**Inspection Site:** 7870 MEXICO ROAD Saint Peters, MO 63376

**Inspection Number: 964654** 

**Inspection Date(s)**: 03/25/2014 - 09/11/2014

**Issuance Date:** 09/19/2014

The violation(s) described in this Citation and Notification of Penalty is (are) alleged to have occurred on or about the day(s) the inspection was made unless otherwise indicated within the description given below.

This Citation and Notification of Penalty (this Citation) describes violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. The penalty(ies) listed herein is (are) based on these violations. You must abate the violations referred to in this Citation by the dates listed and pay the penalties proposed, unless within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) from your receipt of this Citation and Notification of Penalty **you either call to schedule an informal conference (see paragraph below) or** you mail a notice of contest to the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above. Please refer to the enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) which outlines your rights and responsibilities and which should be read in conjunction with this form. Issuance of this Citation does not constitute a finding that a violation of the Act has occurred unless there is a failure to contest as provided for in the Act or, if contested, unless this Citation is affirmed by the Review Commission or a court.

**Posting** - The law requires that a copy of this Citation and Notification of Penalty be posted immediately in a prominent place at or near the location of the violation(s) cited herein, or, if it is not practicable because of the nature of the employer's operations, where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. This Citation must remain posted until the violation(s) cited herein has (have) been abated, or for 3 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays), whichever is longer.

**Informal Conference** - An informal conference is not required. However, if you wish to have such a conference you may request one with the Area Director during the 15 working day contest period. During such an informal conference you may present any evidence or views which you believe would support an adjustment to the citation(s) and/or penalty(ies).

If you are considering a request for an informal conference to discuss any issues related to this Citation and Notification of Penalty, you must take care to schedule it early enough to allow time to contest after the informal conference, should you decide to do so. Please keep in mind that a written letter of intent to contest must be submitted to the Area Director within 15 working days of your receipt of this Citation. The running of this contest period is not interrupted by an informal conference.

If you decide to request an informal conference, please complete, remove and post the Notice to Employees next to this Citation and Notification of Penalty as soon as the time, date, and place of the informal conference have been determined. Be sure to bring to the conference any and all supporting documentation of existing conditions as well as any abatement steps taken thus far. If conditions warrant, we can enter into an informal settlement agreement which amicably resolves this matter without litigation or contest.

Right to Contest — You have the right to contest this Citation and Notification of Penalty. You may contest all citation items or only individual items. You may also contest proposed penalties and/or abatement dates without contesting the underlying violations. <u>Unless you inform the Area Director in writing that you intend to contest the citation(s) and/or proposed penalty(ies) within 15 working days after receipt, the citation(s) and the proposed penalty(ies) will become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission and may not be reviewed by any court or agency.</u>

Penalty Payment – Penalties are due within 15 working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. (See the enclosed booklet and the additional information provided related to the Debt Collection Act of 1982.) Make your check or money order payable to "DOL-OSHA". Please indicate the Inspection Number on the remittance. You can also make your payment electronically on <a href="https://www.pay.gov">www.pay.gov</a>. On the left side of the pay.gov homepage, you will see an option to Search Public Forms. Type "OSHA" and click Go. From the results, click on OSHA Penalty Payment Form. The direct link is:

https://www.pay.gov/paygov/forms/formInstance.html?agencyFormId=53090334.

You will be required to enter your inspection number when making the payment. Payments can be made by credit card or Automated Clearing House (ACH) using your banking information. Payments of \$50,000 or more require a Transaction ID, and also must be paid using ACH. If you require a Transaction ID, please contact the OSHA Debt Collection Team at (202) 693-2170.

OSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check, money order, or electronic payment for less than the full amount due, and will process the payments as if these restrictions or conditions do not exist.

**Notification of Corrective Action** – For each violation which you do not contest, you must provide *abatement certification* to the Area Director of the OSHA office issuing the citation and identified above. This abatement certification is to be provided by letter within 10 calendar days after each abatement date. Abatement certification includes the date and method of abatement. If the citation indicates that the violation was corrected during the inspection, no abatement certification is required for that item. The abatement certification letter must be posted at the location where the violation appeared and the corrective action took place or employees must otherwise be effectively informed about abatement activities. A sample abatement certification letter is enclosed with this Citation. In addition, where the citation indicates that *abatement documentation* is necessary, evidence of the purchase or repair of equipment, photographs or video, receipts, training records, etc., verifying that abatement has occurred is required to be provided to the Area Director.

Employer Discrimination Unlawful – The law prohibits discrimination by an employer against an

employee for filing a complaint or for exercising any rights under this Act. An employee who believes that he/she has been discriminated against may file a complaint no later than 30 days after the discrimination occurred with the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above.

Employer Rights and Responsibilities – The enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) outlines additional employer rights and responsibilities and should be read in conjunction with this notification.

**Notice to Employees** – The law gives an employee or his/her representative the opportunity to object to any abatement date set for a violation if he/she believes the date to be unreasonable. The contest must be mailed to the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above and postmarked within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) of the receipt by the employer of this Citation and Notification of Penalty.

Inspection Activity Data – You should be aware that OSHA publishes information on its inspection and citation activity on the Internet under the provisions of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act. The information related to these alleged violations will be posted when our system indicates that you have received this citation. You are encouraged to review the information concerning your establishment at www.osha.gov. If you have any dispute with the accuracy of the information displayed, please contact this office.

# U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration



# NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with OSH	(A to discuss the citation(s)	issued on
09/19/2014. The conference will be held by telephone	or at the OSHA office loca	ted at 100 N.
Broadway, Suite 470, Wichita, KS 67202 on	at	•
Employees and/or representatives of employees have	a right to attend an informa	l conference.

#### CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET

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List the specific method of correction for each item on this citation in this package that does not read "Corrected During Inspection" and return to: U.S. Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 100 N. Broadway, Suite 470, Wichita, KS 67202

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**NOTE: 29 USC 666(g)** whoever knowingly makes any false statements, representation or certification in any application, record, plan or other documents filed or required to be maintained pursuant to the Act shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment of not more than 6 months or both.

POSTING: A copy of completed Corrective Action Worksheet should be posted for employee review

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Company Name: Wireless Horizon, Inc.

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Citation 1 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Serious** 

OSH ACT of 1970 SECTION (5)(a)(1): The employer did not furnish employment and a place of employment which was free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees in that employees were exposed to crushing hazards during the demolishing of the old communication tower:

The employer is failing to protect employees from the hazard of falling or being crushed when working on or around any site where a gin pole is being used at heights. This hazard was most recently documented when employees were working from and around a communication tower under demolition, where a gin pole was being prepared to lower tower sections and components to the ground at a significant height and didn't have proper identification markings to guide employees to the correct load chart and proper use.

Among other methods, a feasible and acceptable means of abating this condition include marking the gin pole properly as outlined in the TIA standard TIA-1019-A, section 6.2.6

29 CFR 1903.19(d)(1) requires certification and documentation that the abatement of the above violation is complete.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

11/04/2014 \$5600.00

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Company Name: Wireless Horizon, Inc.

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# Citation 1 Item 2 Type of Violation: **Serious**

OSH ACT of 1970 SECTION (5)(a)(1): The employer did not furnish employment and a place of employment which was free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees in that employees were exposed to crushing hazards during the demolishing of the old communication tower:

The employer is failing to protect employees from the hazard of falling or being crushed when working on or around any site where a gin pole is being used at heights. This hazard was most recently documented when employees were working from and around a communication tower under demolition, where a gin pole was being prepared to lower tower sections and components to the ground at a significant height and did not a have a written rigging plan based on the scope of the proposed demolition construction work.

Among other methods, a feasible and acceptable means of abating this condition include developing a written rigging plan as outlined in the TIA standard TIA-1019-A, section 2.2

29 CFR 1903.19(d)(1) requires certification and documentation that the abatement of the above violation is complete.

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Proposed Penalty:

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Citation 1 Item 3 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1926.850(a): Prior to permitting employees to start demolition operations, an engineering survey was not made by a competent person of the structure to determine the condition of the framing, floors, and walls, and possibility of unplanned collapse of any portion of the structure, including adjacent structures where employees may be exposed. The employer did not have in writing evidence that such a survey was performed:

The employer is failing to conduct an engineering survey prior to the start of demolition projects to protect employees from falling or being crushed. This violation was most recently documented on March 25, 2014, at a communication tower demolition site, where the employer had not conducted an engineering survey to determine the structural integrity of the communication tower being demolished prior to allowing employees to climb the tower or attaching a gin pole to the side for the lowering of tower sections being removed. This requirement is consistent with the industry standard located at ANSI/TIA section 6.2.6

29 CFR 1903.19(d)(1) requires certification and documentation that the abatement of the above violation is complete.

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Citation 1 Item 4 Type of Violation: **Serious** 

29 CFR 1926.1436(b)(3)(ii): For derricks that are not permanently installed, the load chart must be readily available at the job site to personnel responsible for the operation of the equipment:

The employer is failing to provide an appropriate load chart to protect employees from falling or being crushed. This violation was most recently documented on March 25, 2014, when employees were preparing the gin pole to demolish a communication tower by lowering tower sections and components to the ground, but did not know the gin pole load rating nor have a load chart for the gin pole. This requirement is consistent with the industry standard located at ANSI/TIA-1019-A, section 3.5 for gin pole(s) being used at work sites.

29 CFR 1903.19(d)(1) requires certification and documentation that the abatement of the above violation is complete.

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Citation 2 Item 1 Type of Violation: Willful

29 CFR 1926.251(a)(6): Each day before being used, and during use, where service conditions warrant, the sling and all fastenings and attachments were not inspected for damage or defects by a competent person, and damaged or defective slings were not immediately removed from service:

The employer is failing to protect employees from the hazard of falling or being crushed by not conducting an inspection of wire rope slings in use. This violation was most recently documented on March 25, 2014, when a wire rope sling was in use attaching a gin pole to a communication tower without being inspected for damage and/or defects prior to use nor each day before use by a competent person.

29 CFR 1903.19(d)(1) requires certification and documentation that the abatement of the above violation is complete.

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Citation 2 Item 2 Type of Violation: Willful

29 CFR 1926.251(c)(9): Slings were not padded or protected from the sharp edges of their loads:

The employer is failing to protect employees from the hazard of falling or being crushed by not providing protection for wire rope slings attached over sharp edges. This violation was most recently documented on March 25, 2014, when a wire rope sling being used to connect a gin pole to a communication tower failed, due to being wrapped around the communication tower steel angle leg without being protected from sharp edge of leg. This requirement is consistent with the manufacturer's (American Rigger's Supply Inc.) catalog operating practices, page 10, item numbers 9 and 10.

29 CFR 1903.19(d)(1) requires certification and documentation that the abatement of the above violation is complete.

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Area Director

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# INVOICE / DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

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Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number964654Citation 1, Serious\$22400.00Citation 2, Willful\$112000.00TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES\$134400.00

To avoid additional charges, please remit payment promptly to this Area Office for the total amount of the uncontested penalties summarized above. Make your check or money order payable to: "DOL-OSHA". Please indicate OSHA's Inspection Number (indicated above) on the remittance. You can also make your payment electronically on <a href="https://www.pay.gov">www.pay.gov</a>. On the left side of the pay.gov homepage, you will see an option to Search Public Forms. Type "OSHA" and click Go. From the results, click on <a href="https://www.pay.gov/paygov/forms/formInstance.html?agencyFormId=53090334">OSHA Penalty Payment Form</a>. The direct link is <a href="https://www.pay.gov/paygov/forms/formInstance.html?agencyFormId=53090334">https://www.pay.gov/paygov/forms/formInstance.html?agencyFormId=53090334</a>. You will be required to enter your inspection number when making the payment. Payments can be made by credit card or Automated Clearing House (ACH) using your banking information. Payments of \$50,000 or more require a Transaction ID, and also must be paid using ACH. If you require a Transaction ID, please contact the OSHA Debt Collection Team at (202) 693-2170.

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If a personal check is issued, it will be converted into an electronic fund transfer (EFT). This means that our bank will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will then usually occur within 24 hours and will be shown on your regular account statement. You will not receive your original check back. The bank will destroy your original check, but will keep a copy of it. If the EFT cannot be completed because of insufficient funds or closed

account, the bank will attempt to make the transfer up to 2 times.

Pursuant to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 (Public Law 97-365) and regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 20), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is required to assess interest, delinquent charges, and administrative costs for the collection of delinquent penalty debts for violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

<u>Interest</u>: Interest charges will be assessed at an annual rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on all penalty debt amounts not paid within one month (30 calendar days) of the date on which the debt amount becomes due and payable (penalty due date). The current interest rate is one percent (1%). Interest will accrue from the date on which the penalty amounts (as proposed or adjusted) become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (that is, 15 working days from your receipt of the Citation and Notification of Penalty), unless you file a notice of contest. Interest charges will be waived if the full amount owed is paid within 30 calendar days of the final order.

<u>Delinquent Charges</u>: A debt is considered delinquent if it has not been paid within one month (30 calendar days) of the penalty due date or if a satisfactory payment arrangement has not been made. If the debt remains delinquent for more than 90 calendar days, a delinquent charge of six percent (6%) per annum will be assessed accruing from the date that the debt became delinquent.

Administrative Costs: Agencies of the Department of Labor are required to assess additional charges for the recovery of delinquent debts. These additional charges are administrative costs incurred by the Agency in its attempt to collect an unpaid debt. Administrative costs will be assessed for demand letters sent in an attempt to collect the unpaid debt.

Judy Freeman

Area Director

Date