# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §5a-10-6

**§5A-10-6. Long-term leases of public lands for wireless communication towers.**

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the executive director has sole authority to negotiate and enter into long-term lease agreements for lease of public lands to be used for placement of wireless communication towers: Provided, That such long-term lease agreements may not be for periods in excess of thirty years: Provided, however, That for the governmental units named in subsection (d) of this section, any lease proposed by the executive director may only be entered into upon approval in writing of the ranking administrator of the respective governmental unit described in said subsection.

(b) All revenues derived from leases established upon the enactment of this section shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section.

(c) Revenues from leases initiated prior to the enactment of this section or subsequently renewed shall continue to be treated as they were prior to the enactment of this section.

(d) Revenues derived from the lease of property under the control of the Department of Transportation shall be deposited into the State Road Fund. Revenues derived from the lease of property under the control of the Division of Natural Resources shall be retained by the Division of Natural Resources and deposited into the appropriate fund. Revenues derived from the lease of property under the control of the Department of Agriculture shall be deposited into the Agriculture Fees Fund. Revenues derived from the lease of property under the control of the Division of Forestry shall be deposited into the Division of Forestry Fund. Revenues derived from the lease of property under the control of institutions of higher education shall be deposited into the institution's education and general capital fees fund. Revenues derived from the lease of property under the control of the Higher Education Policy Commission shall be deposited into the commission's State Gifts Grants and Contracts Fund. Revenues derived from the lease of property under the control of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education shall be deposited into the council's Tuition and Required Educational and General Fees Fund. Revenues derived from the lease of property, towers or tower space owned, operated or controlled by the West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management or any other state agency managed as part of the West Virginia Statewide Interoperable Radio Network shall be deposited in the Statewide Interoperable Radio Network Account created in section nine, article fourteen, chapter fifteen of this code.

(e) Any long-term lease agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall contain provisions allowing for the nonexclusive use of the public lands and allowance for use of the same public space for additional towers by competing persons or corporations.

(f) The executive director is further authorized to enter into long-term lease agreements for

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additional wireless communication towers by other persons or corporations upon the same public lands in which there already exists a lease and tower provided for under this section.

(g) Any long-term lease agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall be recorded in the office of the county clerk where public land which is the subject of the lease agreement is located.

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