COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

APPLICATION OF DUO COUNTY TELEPHONE) COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC., JAMESTOWN,) KENTUCKY 42629 FOR AUTHORITY TO BORROW) MONEY AND ISSUE ITS NOTE AND OTHER EVI-) DENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS AND THE GRANTING) OF A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND) NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT AND INSTALL NEW) TELEPHONE LINES AND FACILITIES AND MAKE) VARIOUS SYSTEM ADDITIONS TO ITS EXISTING) TELEPHONE PLANT)

CASE NO. 7970

ORDER

On September 15, 1980, the Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. (Applicant), filed with the Commission its application for authority to borrow one million, seven hundred thousand (\$1,700,000.00) dollars from the United States of America acting through the Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration (REA), to be amortized over a period of thirty-five (35) years at an interest rate of five percent (5%) per annum, and for authority to execute the necessary notes with REA for the proposed loan, and for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Wecessity for the purpose of constructing additional telephone lines and other facilities, all as more specifically outlined in the application and record.

The Applicant stated that the proceeds of the loan will be used to pay for Applicant's proposed five-year construction plan, consisting partially of new construction and system improvements, and partially to complete Applicant's previous five-year construction plan, all as more specifically set out in the application and record. The previous five-year plan was approved by the Public Service Commission in Case No. 7250.

The matter was set for hearing in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky, on November 26, 1980, at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. The hearing was held as scheduled and all parties of interest were given the opportunity to be heard. There were no intervenors represented at the hearing. The Commission, after consideration of the Application and all evidence of Record, and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

1) The Public Convenience and Necessity will be served if such construction and system improvements as are proposed in the Application and Record be performed, and therefore a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity should be granted.

2) The proposed borrowing is for a lawful object within the corporate purposes of the Applicant, is necessary and appropriate for and consistent with the proper performance by the Applicant of its service to the public and will not impair its ability to perform that service, and is reasonably necessary and appropriate for such purpose.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., be and it hereby is granted a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to proceed with the proposed construction as set forth in the Application and Record.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., be and it hereby is authorized to borrow one million, seven hundred thousand (\$1,700,000.00) dollars from the United States of America acting through the Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration, at an interest rate of five percent (5%) per annum, payable over a period of thirty-five (35) years, and to execute and deliver to REA the necessary notes therefor.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., shall file with this Commission as soon as reasonably possible a copy of the executed and signed loan agreement with the United States of America.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the proceeds from the borrowing authorized herein shall be used only for the lawful purposes as set out in the Application and Record.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., shall submit semi-annual reports to this Commission setting forth in detail the status of the construction authorized herein as well as the status of the funds authorized for said construction.

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed a finding of value for any purpose nor construed as a warranty on the part of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or any agency thereof as to the securities authorized herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of December, 1980.

UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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ATTEST:

Secretary