

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF GENERAL TELEPHONE)
COMPANY OF KENTUCKY FOR A CERTIFICATE)
THAT PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY)
REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION BY IT OF A) CASE NO. 9287
FRANCHISE TO SUPPLY LOCAL AND LONG)
DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE IN THE)
TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF)
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY)

O R D E R

On February 27, 1985, General Telephone Company of Kentucky filed with the Commission its Application seeking a certificate that public convenience and necessity require the acquisition by it of a franchise to supply local and long distance telephone service in the territorial limits of the city of Ashland, Kentucky. Under the provisions of KRS 278.020(3), no utility may apply for a franchise from any governmental agency until it has obtained a certificate of convenience and necessity from this Commission based on our finding that there is a need and demand for the services sought to be rendered.

The Commission finds that there is a need and demand for telephone service in the City of Ashland, Kentucky. Since the Commission's authority in such matters is limited by statute to finding only whether there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered, no finding or determination is made as to the validity of any of the provisions of the franchise offered by

said city or the manner in which any franchise fee is to be treated for rate purposes.




IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that General Telephone Company of Kentucky be and it hereby is granted a certificate of convenience and necessity which authorizes it to bid on telephone franchise in the city of Ashland, Kentucky.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that General Telephone Company of Kentucky, if it becomes the successful bidder, shall file with this Commission copies of the said franchise.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall not be construed as granting a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct utility facilities in said city.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 1st day of March, 1985.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary