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 FRANCHISE TO SUPPLY) CASE NO. 9429 LOCAL AND LONG DISTRANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE) IN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF) LEBANON, KENTUCKY)

ORDER

On September 25, 1985, General Telephone Company of Kentucky ("General") filed with the Commission its Application seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity to qualify it to bid on a telephone franchise in the City of Lebanon, 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 Lebanon, 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 be and it hereby is granted a certificate of convenience and necessity which authorizes it to bid on a telephone franchise in the City of Lebanon, Kentucky.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that General, 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 27th day of September, 1985.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

L Chairmar Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary