COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF AIRCALL, INC. FOR

AUTHORITY TO EXPAND COVERAGE ON 454.175)

MHz BY ADDITION OF TRANSMITTERS AT

FRANKFORT, LEXINGTON, AND CLAYS FERRY,

KENTUCKY

OR AIRCALL, INC. FOR

CASE NO. 9727

ORDER

On November 4, 1986, Aircall, Inc. ("Aircall"), filed its application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to expand coverage by adding transmitters at Frankfort, Lexington, and Clays Ferry, Kentucky. Aircall is presently providing paging and mobile telephone service in the Louisville and Crestwood areas. It is operated out of the same Louisville office as Radio Page, Inc. ("Radio Page") and both Radio Page and Aircall are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Gencom, Inc. Radio Page is providing wide-area paging from Louisville through LaGrange, Shelbyville, Frankfort, Lexington, Elizabethtown-Radcliff and environs on 158.700 MHz. In addition to expanding its coverage area, Aircall desires to relieve the heavy load on this frequency in the Lexington-Richmond-Winchester area by adding three base stations on 454.175 MHz.

On November 10, 1986, Aircall was notified of two filing deficiencies. These were corrected by information filed on November 19, 1986. Competitors were then notified of Aircall's application. None of its competitors requested formal interven-

tion in this case, however Comtel, Metrotec and Radio Communications Corporation ("RCC") provided comments on Aircall's application. Additionally, RCC identified a few of its concerns with respect to radio common carrier regulation in general.

On January 15, 1987, Aircall was ordered to provide additional information. Also, Aircall was given the opportunity to respond to the comments of its competitors. Aircall filed its response on January 26, 1987.

The Commission notes the concerns filed by Aircall's competitors. These concerns are primarily in regards to the present level of competition. The Commission is of the opinion that, in view of the highly competitive situation that already exists in the proposed area, it would be unfair to further delay granting approval of Aircall's application solely on the basis that a competitive situation exists.

FINDINGS AND ORDERS

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

- (1) There is a public need for the proposed expansion.
- (2) Aircall is technically capable of providing the proposed service.
- (3) Aircall should be granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate its proposed service.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- (1) Aircall be and hereby is granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate the three additional paging sites identified in this application.
- (2) Aircall shall modify its tariffs to reflect this additional service area, with a copy provided to the Commission within 30 days of the date of this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of March, 1987.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

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ATTEST:

Executive Director