

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF NORTH CENTRAL TELEPHONE)
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FOR A CERTIFICATE)
OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO)
CONSTRUCT AND INSTALL NEW TELEPHONE) CASE NO. 10469
FACILITIES AND MAKE VARIOUS SYSTEM ADDITIONS)
AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ITS EXISTING TELEPHONE)
PLANT IN ALLEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY)

O R D E R

On November 10, 1988, North Central Telephone Cooperative Corporation ("North Central") filed its application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and install new telephone facilities and make various system additions and improvements. The Commission requested additional information by Order dated December 13, 1988. Responses were filed on January 10, 1989.

North Central provides local exchange telephone service to approximately 12,200 subscribers located in both Kentucky and Tennessee. In Kentucky, North Central provides service in the Scottsville Rural Exchange, which comprises all of the rural portions of Allen County, Kentucky. The city of Scottsville, which is the urban portion of Allen County, is served by GTE South Incorporated ("GTE South").

The Kentucky portion of this construction project is estimated to cost \$2,070,549. The majority of this investment,

about \$1.5 million, will be for replacements and additions to outside plant facilities. This should improve service quality to existing customers as well as enable North Central to provide service to new subscribers. In addition, the existing analog carrier toll route between the Scottsville Rural exchange and GTE South's Glasgow exchange, will be replaced with digital carrier over fiber optic facilities.

In the category of central office equipment, North Central proposes to add toll recording capabilities to the Scottsville Rural exchange, which will enable North Central to generate and maintain its own toll billing records. Line additions will be added as necessary to accommodate subscriber growth.


FINDING AND ORDER

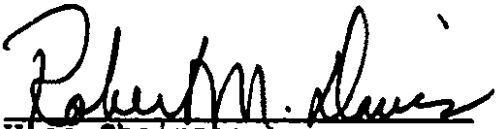
The Commission, having considered the application and responses to information requests and being sufficiently advised, is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity require this construction and that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that North Central be and it hereby is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to proceed with the proposed construction project as described in its application and this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of February, 1989.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director