COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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ATLAS COMMUNICATIONS, LTD. APPLICATION) FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC) CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO TRANSACT) THE BUSINESS OF A RESELLER OF) CASE NO. 95-479 INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS) SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF KENTUCKY) AND FOR APPROVAL OF ITS INITIAL TARIFF)

<u>O R D E R</u>

On October 25, 1995, Atlas Communications, Ltd. ("Atlas") filed an application with the Commission seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to resell intrastate interexchange long-distance telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Atlas is a Pennsylvania corporation with its principal offices in the state of Pennsylvania and intends to resell tariffed services of facilities-based carriers certified by this Commission. Atlas does not intend to provide operator-assisted telecommunications services.

Atlas does not own or operate, nor does it intend to construct, any telecommunications transmission facilities within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. All intrastate telecommunications transmission services will be provided by an underlying carrier certified by this Commission.

The application provided by Atlas demonstrates its financial, managerial, and technical capability to provide utility service. The Commission finds that Atlas should be authorized to resell intrastate interexchange long-distance telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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Atlas filed its proposed tariff on October 25, 1995. The Commission finds that the rates proposed by Atlas should be approved as the fair, just, and reasonable rates to be charged.

In Administrative Case No. 306,¹ the Commission stated the importance of eliminating possible customer confusion arising from the name of the billing service, rather than the name of the provider of telecommunications services, appearing on the bill. Accordingly, Atlas should ensure that its name appears prominently on all bills issued to customers for services rendered.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. Atlas be and it hereby is granted authority to resell intrastate interexchange long-distance telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky on and after the date of this Order.

2. Atlas shall ensure that its name appears prominently on all bills issued to customers for services rendered.

3. Atlas's authority to provide service is strictly limited to those services described in this Order and Atlas's application.

¹ Administrative Case No. 306, Detariffing Billing and Collection Services, Order Dated April 30, 1990.

4. IntraLATA services shall be provided in accordance with the restrictions and conditions of service contained in Administrative Case No. 323.²

5. The rates proposed by Atlas on October 25, 1995 are hereby approved.

6. Within 30 days from the date of this Order, Atlas shall file, pursuant to $0.07 \text{ KAR 5}_{1}011$, its October 25, 1995 tariff sheets without modifications.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 20th day of December, 1995.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Vice Chairman

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⁴ Administrative Case No. 323, An Inquiry Into IntraLATA Toll Competition, An Appropriate Compensation Scheme for Completion of IntraLATA Calls by Interexchange Carriers, and WATS Jurisdictionality.