

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

EASTON TELECOM SERVICES INC. APPLICATION FOR A )  
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY ) CASE NO.  
TO TRANSACT THE BUSINESS OF A RESELLER OF ) 96-186  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF )  
KENTUCKY AND FOR APPROVAL OF ITS INITIAL TARIFF )

O R D E R

On May 1, 1996, Easton Telecom Services Inc. ("Easton Telecom") filed its application with the Commission seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide intrastate, long-distance telecommunications services as a reseller within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Easton Telecom is an Ohio corporation proposing to resell the services of carriers currently certified within the Commonwealth of Kentucky in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in its tariff. Easton Telecom does not seek authority to provide operator-assisted telecommunications services.

Easton Telecom employs no intrastate transmission or reception telecommunications equipment or facilities in the performance of its services, and all intrastate facilities, equipment, and networking will be provided by the underlying carrier. Easton Telecom will not construct any new facilities in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The information provided by Easton Telecom demonstrates its financial, managerial, and technical capability to provide intrastate, long-distance telecommunications service. The proposed rates filed May 1, 1996 should be approved as the fair, just and reasonable rates to be charged with the modification provided herein.

In Administrative Case No. 306,<sup>1</sup> 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, Easton Telecom should ensure that its name appears prominently on all bills issued to customers for services rendered by it.

The Commission, having considered the application, the information provided by Easton Telecom, and being otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. Easton Telecom be and it hereby is granted authority to provide intrastate, long-distance telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky on and after the date of this Order.

2. Easton Telecom shall comply with the provisions of the Orders in Administrative Case No. 323.<sup>2</sup>

3. Easton Telecom shall ensure that its name appears prominently on all bills issued to customers for services rendered by it.

4. Easton Telecom's authority to provide service in this Commonwealth is strictly limited to those services described in this Order and in Easton Telecom's application.

5. The rates and charges proposed by Easton Telecom are hereby approved with the following modification:

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<sup>1</sup> Administrative Case No. 306, Detariffing Billing and Collection Services, Order dated April 30, 1990.


<sup>2</sup> 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.


a. Easton Telecom shall amend Original Page No. 26, Section 2.7.4. of its tariff to comply with 807 KAR 5:006, Section 9, which says that customer claims may be made in writing, by telephone or in person.

6. Within 30 days from the date of this Order, Easton Telecom shall file its tariff sheets in accordance with 807 KAR 5:011.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 11th day of June, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director