COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF THIRD KENTUCKY CELLULAR CORP. D/B/A WIRELESS 2000 TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

CASE NO. 96-610

ORDER

On January 31, 1997, Third Kentucky Cellular Corp. d/b/a Wireless 2000 Telephone Company ("Wireless 2000") filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to construct and operate a Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") transmission system to serve customers in Kentucky. Wireless 2000 is a Kentucky Corporation with its headquarters located in Lexington, Kentucky.

Wireless 2000 is a Federal Communications Commission Personal Communications Service ("PCS") licensee which will compete with existing cellular and PCS companies in Kentucky. Wireless 2000, a CMRS, holds the rights to 30 MegaHertz of the PCS Spectrum in Basic Trading Area No. 098 ("BTA No. 98") which includes Laurel, Clay, Whitley, and Knox counties in Kentucky. Coverage throughout BTA No. 98 shall be achieved via leased and constructed sites.

The information provided by Wireless 2000 demonstrates its financial, managerial, and technical capability to provide CMRS as a PCS provider in BTA No. 98. Wireless 2000 shall provide a service tariff with the Commission prior to service commencement.

The Commission, having considered the application, the information provided by Wireless 2000, and being otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. Wireless 2000 is granted authority to construct and operate a CMRS within the Commonwealth of Kentucky on and after the date of this Order.

2. Wireless 2000's authority to provide service in this Commonwealth is strictly limited to those services described in this Order and in Wireless 2000's application.

Wireless 2000 shall file an application with the Commission for the 3. construction of all towers within the Commonwealth.

Within 60 days prior to commencement of service, Wireless 2000 shall file its 4. service tariff sheets in accordance with Administrative Case No. 344.¹

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 25th day of March, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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ATTEST:

Executive Director

¹ Administrative Case No. 344, Inquiry Into The Provision and Regulation of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service in Kentucky.