

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION)
SERVICES, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL) CASE NO. 97-009
EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)

O R D E R

On January 2, 1997, MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. ("MCImetro") filed an application with the Commission seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide intrastate telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. MCImetro is a Delaware corporation with its principal office in the state of Texas.

MCImetro seeks authority to provide local exchange service, exchange access service, and competitive access service throughout Kentucky. MCImetro plans to offer the proposed services by constructing network rings in the metropolitan areas of Kentucky. MCImetro may also offer local services by utilizing the switching and transfer capability of other existing telecommunications providers pursuant to negotiated or tariffed arrangements.

MCImetro has demonstrated its financial, managerial, and technical capability to provide utility service. The Commission finds that MCImetro should be authorized to provide intrastate telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, as described in this Order and MCImetro's application, upon approval of its tariff.

MCImetro should submit a written notice, which refers to this proceeding, to the Commission at least 60 days in advance of any proposed construction within Kentucky. The notice should explicitly describe the routes and extent of facilities to be constructed. This notice will serve to inform the Commission of MCImetro's proposed extension of intrastate service and offer an opportunity for affected entities to request additional consideration by the Commission.

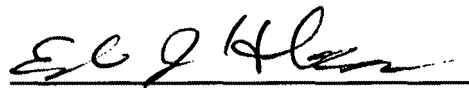
The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, **HEREBY ORDERS** that:

1. MCImetro is granted authority to provide intrastate telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky upon approval of its tariff.
2. MCImetro shall notify the Commission, as described herein, at least 60 days prior to any construction required to provide intrastate telecommunications service.
3. At least 30 days prior to commencement of service, MCImetro shall file its proposed tariff pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011 for the Commission's review.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 4th day of March, 1997.

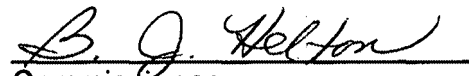
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