

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT)
OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN UNITED) CASE NO. 97-135
STATES CELLULAR CORPORATION'S 1996)
ANNUAL REPORT)

O R D E R

This matter arising upon petition of United States Cellular Corporation ("United States Cellular"), filed March 19, 1997, for confidential protection of its 1996 Report of Gross Operating Revenues for Kentucky RSA #1 and it appearing to this Commission as follows:

United States Cellular has requested that the Commission treat as confidential its 1996 Report of Gross Operating Revenue for Kentucky RSA #1. As grounds for its request, United States Cellular states that disclosure of the information would be injurious to the corporation. No petition is filed in support of the request.

KRS 61.872(1) requires information filed with the Commission to be available for public inspection unless specifically exempted by statute. Exemptions from this requirement are provided in KRS 61.878(1). The procedure for obtaining confidential protection of information filed with the Commission is provided in regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7. United States Cellular's request does not meet the procedural requirements of the regulation, and therefore it should be dismissed.

This Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised,

IT IS ORDERED that:

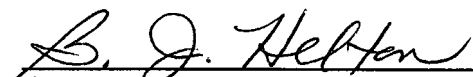
1. The request to protect from public disclosure United States Cellular's 1996 Report of Gross Operating Revenues is hereby denied.
2. The information sought to be protected shall be held and retained by this Commission as confidential and shall not be open for public inspection for a period of 20 days from the date of this Order to allow United States Cellular to seek any remedy afforded by law.
3. If at the expiration of the 20-day period no action has been taken by the petitioner, the information shall be placed in the public record without further Orders herein.¹

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 1st day of May, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director

¹ Petitions for confidential protection for Annual Reports and Gross Operating Revenue Reports have traditionally been denied.