

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF ALEC, INC. FOR AUTHORITY)
TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN THE) CASE NO. 97-260
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)

O R D E R

On May 20, 1997, ALEC, Inc. ("ALEC") filed an application requesting authorization to provide local exchange telecommunications service. ALEC is a Kentucky Corporation with its principal offices in Paducah, Kentucky.

ALEC seeks authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services in a geographic area coterminous with the Owensboro LATA. ALEC shall provide service through a combination of unbundled elements and resale provided by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and use of facilities - a switch - leased from a third party provider.

ALEC has obtained a bond in support of its future Universal Service Fund obligations. The amount of the bond is an estimate of 6 percent of the estimated gross receipts to be received from its provision of intrastate telecommunications services. Furthermore, ALEC and BellSouth have an interconnection agreement on file with the Commission.

The information provided in ALEC's application and exhibits thereto demonstrate its financial, managerial, and technical capability to provide utility service. The Commission


finds that ALEC should be authorized to provide intrastate telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, as described in this Order and its application.

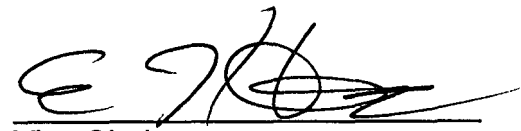
The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. ALEC is granted authority to provide local intrastate telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described herein and in its application, on and after the date of this Order.
2. Within 30 days from the date of this Order, ALEC shall file its Kentucky tariff pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011.
3. ALEC shall comply with the monitoring requirements set forth in Administrative Case No. 355.¹

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 6th day of August, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director


Commissioner

¹ Administrative Case No. 355, An Inquiry into Local Competition, Universal Service, and the Non-Traffic Sensitive Access Rate, Order dated September 26, 1996.