

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AREA CODE EXHAUSTION RELIEF) ADMINISTRATIVE
FOR 606 AREA CODE REGION) CASE NO. 377

O R D E R

Lockheed Martin¹ has submitted to the Commission a recommendation on behalf of the telecommunications carriers in Kentucky for relief of the 606 area code. The telecommunications carriers assert that the central office prefixes in the 606 area code will be exhausted by approximately the fourth quarter of the year 2000.

In order to address the alleged need for a new area code in the 606 area code region of Kentucky and alternatives to implement the new area code, if needed, the Commission institutes this proceeding and schedules an informal conference. The Commission expects persons at the informal conference to be prepared to discuss any possibilities which may exist which would avoid the necessity for area code relief. Alternatives delineated in Lockheed Martin's petition² should also be discussed as follows:

- a. A diagonal line splitting the 606 area code region into a northeast sector and a southwest sector.

¹ Lockheed Martin is the North American Numbering Plan Administrator.

² Lockheed Martin's petition, Attachment A, at 3 and 4.

- b. A geographic split along Interstate 64.
- c. A geographic split following Interstate 75 with the local calling area for Lexington and Winchester in the west sector.
- d. An east/west geographic split including Richmond, Winchester and Lexington in the west sector.
- e. A boundary realignment that shifts the Cincinnati Bell serving area, including the Boone, Covington, Warsaw, Glencoe, Walton, Independence, Alexandria, Butler, Williamstown and Falmouth rate centers, into the 513 area code region of Ohio.
- f. A geographic split that would include the Cincinnati Bell Kentucky service area in the 606 area code region described in alternative d above.

Following the informal conference, the Commission will conduct public meetings within the 606 area code region. The purpose of these meetings will be to allow public input concerning the location of the geographic split line and any other issues or alternatives which the public may wish to discuss concerning this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. There shall be an informal conference on March 24, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in Hearing Room 1, of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky, to discuss area code relief for the 606 area code region. The public is invited to attend.
- 2. The schedule for the public meetings shall be as follows:
 - a. Radisson Inn at Cincinnati Airport (Concorde F)
Exit 4B off I-75, Hebron, Kentucky
Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport
Thursday, April 15, 1999; 1:00--3:00 p.m., EDT

- b. Lexington Urban County Government Center
200 E. Main St., 5th Floor Conference Room, Lexington, Kentucky
Friday, April 16, 1999; 1:00--3:00 p.m., EDT
- c. Somerset Rural Development Center
2292 South Highway 27, Somerset, Kentucky
Wednesday, April 21, 1999; 1:00--3:00 p.m., EDT
- d. Hazard Community College
One Community College Drive, Hwy. 15 South, Hazard, Kentucky
Wednesday, April 21, 1999; 1:00--3:00 p.m., EDT
(By teleconference from Somerset)
- e. Ashland Plaza Hotel, Ballroom C, 2nd Floor
Corner of 15th and Winchester Road, Ashland, Kentucky
Tuesday, April 27, 1999; 1:00--3:00 p.m., EDT
- f. Pikeville College, Booth Auditorium
214 Sycamore Street, Pikeville, Kentucky
Wednesday, April 28, 1999, 1:00--3:00 p.m., EDT

3. All telecommunications providers that participated in formulating the recommendation for area code relief and the Office of Rate Intervention of the Attorney General's Office are made parties to this proceeding and shall receive a copy of this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 23rd day of February, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director