

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF CUMBERLAND CELLULAR )  
PARTNERSHIP FOR DESIGNATION AS AN )  
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ) CASE NO. 2005-00020  
CARRIER IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF )  
KENTUCKY )

O R D E R

On January 4, 2005, Cumberland Cellular Partnership (“Cumberland Cellular”), a Commercial Mobile Radio Service carrier, filed with the Commission a petition under 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2) seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) to receive federal universal service support for service offered throughout its licensed service area in the state of Kentucky, including rural and non-rural areas.<sup>1</sup>

The petition states that: (1) Cumberland Cellular meets all the requirements for designation as an ETC to serve the designated areas in the state of Kentucky;<sup>2</sup> (2) Cumberland Cellular requests designation throughout each of the designated areas within its service coverage;<sup>3</sup> (3) In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2), Cumberland Cellular is entitled to be designated as an ETC in non-rural wirecenters;<sup>4</sup> and (4) Designation of Cumberland Cellular as an ETC for the designated areas served by a Rural Telephone Company in Kentucky will serve the public interest.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Cumberland Cellular requests ETC designation throughout its licensed service area in Kentucky. See Petition at 1 and Exhibit A.

<sup>2</sup> Id. at 1-7.

<sup>3</sup> Id. at 7.

<sup>4</sup> Id. at 7-8.

<sup>5</sup> Id. at 8-9.

The Commission seeks comment on Cumberland Cellular's petition from affected parties and the general public. The Commission will also set a procedural schedule for this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Comments on the application are due within 30 days of the date of this Order.
2. Any information requests to Cumberland Cellular are due within 45 days of the date of this Order.
3. Cumberland Cellular shall respond to any information requests within 60 days of the date of this Order.
4. Requests for a public hearing in this matter are due within 75 days of the date of this Order.
5. If no requests for a public hearing are made, parties may file any additional comments on the application and information requests for the Commission to consider within 90 days of the date of this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2005.

By the Commission

Commissioner W. Gregory Coker did not participate in the deliberations or decision concerning this case.

ATTEST:



Executive Director