

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AMERICAN CELLULAR CORPORATION'S )  
PETITION FOR DESIGNATION AS A )  
COMPETITIVE ELIGIBLE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER ) CASE NO. 2005-00130  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 214(E) OF THE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 )

O R D E R

On March 29, 2005, American Cellular Corporation (“ACC”), 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) ACC meets all the requirements for designation as an ETC to serve the designated areas in the state of Kentucky;<sup>2</sup> (2) ACC 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), ACC is entitled to be designated as an ETC in

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<sup>1</sup> ACC requests ETC designation throughout its licensed service area in Kentucky. See Petition at 1 and Exhibits A and B.

<sup>2</sup> Id. at 1-10.

<sup>3</sup> Id. at 2 and Exhibit A and B.

non-rural wirecenters;<sup>4</sup> and (5) designation of ACC as an ETC for the designated areas served by a rural telephone company in Kentucky will serve the public interest.<sup>5</sup>

ACC also requests that the Commission petition the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) to redefine the service areas of affected rural incumbent local exchange carriers pursuant to Section 54.207(c) of the FCC’s rules.<sup>6</sup>

The Commission seeks comment on ACC’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 shall be filed within 30 days of the date of this Order.
2. Information requests to the applicant should be filed within 45 days of the date of this Order.
3. Responses to information requests to the applicant should be filed within 60 days of the date of this Order.
4. Requests for a public hearing in this matter should be filed within 75 days of the date of this Order.

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<sup>4</sup> Id. at 9-10.

<sup>5</sup> Id. at 10-11.

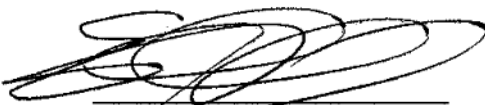
<sup>6</sup> Id. at 10.

5. If no requests for a public hearing are made, then 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director