

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF AFFORDABLE PHONE	)	
SERVICES, INC. FOR DESIGNATION AS AN	)	CASE NO.
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER	)	2009-00158
IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY	)	

O R D E R

On April 17, 2009, Affordable Phone Services, Inc. (“Affordable Phone”), a competitive local exchange carrier, filed 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 service area in the state of Kentucky.<sup>1</sup> Affordable Phone is seeking only low-income support and is not seeking high-cost support.<sup>2</sup>

The petition states that: (1) Affordable Phone meets all the requirements for designation as an ETC to serve the designated areas in the state of Kentucky;<sup>3</sup> (2) Affordable Phone requests designation throughout each of the designated areas within its service coverage;<sup>4</sup> (3) in accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2), Affordable

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<sup>1</sup> Affordable Phone requests ETC designation in the service territory of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Kentucky. Petition at 1 and Exhibit 1.

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

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

<sup>4</sup> Id. at 1.

Phone is entitled to be designated as an ETC in non-rural wirecenters;<sup>5</sup> and (4) designation of Affordable Phone as an ETC for the designated areas served in Kentucky will serve the public interest.<sup>6</sup>

The Commission seeks comment on Affordable Phone'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. The procedural schedule set forth in Appendix A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be followed.

2. a. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with copies to all parties of record and seven copies to the Commission.

b. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or an association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

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

<sup>6</sup> Id.

c. Any party shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, through correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

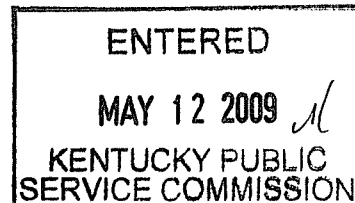
d. For any request to which a party fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, that party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

3. Any party filing testimony shall file an original and 10 copies.

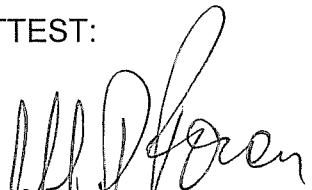
4. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarizations of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

5. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

  
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Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2009-00158 DATED **MAY 12 2009**

- Comments on the application shall be filed  
no later than .....6/01/09
- Information requests to Affordable Phone should be filed  
no later than .....6/15/09
- Responses to information requests to Affordable Phone  
should be filed no later than .....7/06/09
- Requests for a public hearing in this matter  
shall be filed no later than .....7/20/09
- If no requests for a public hearing are filed,  
parties may file any additional comments  
on the application and information requests  
no later than .....8/03/09

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