

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF TENNESSEE TELEPHONE)	
SERVICE, LLC D/B/A FREEDOM)	CASE NO.
COMMUNICATIONS, USA, LLC FOR)	2009-00270
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE)	
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)	

O R D E R

On September 4, 2009, Tennessee Telephone Service, LLC d/b/a Freedom Communications, USA, LLC (“Tennessee Telephone”), 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.¹ Tennessee Telephone is seeking only low-income support and is not seeking high-cost support.²

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

¹ Tennessee Telephone requests ETC designation in the service territory of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Kentucky. Petition at 1 and Exhibit 1.

² Id. at 1.

³ Id. at 3 - 7.

⁴ Id. at 1.

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

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix, 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.

⁵ Id. at 8.

⁶ 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.

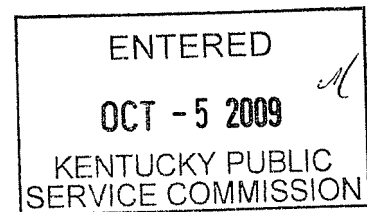
d. For any request to which a party fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, that party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

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

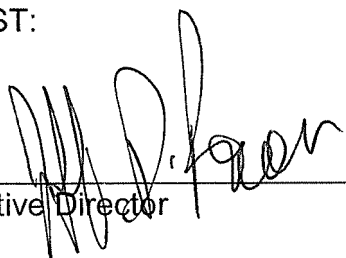
4. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimony shall be permitted.

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

By the Commission



ATTEST:



Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2009-00270 DATED **OCT - 5 2009**

Comments on the application shall be filed
no later than..... 11/06/09

Information requests to Tennessee Telephone shall
be filed no later than 11/20/09

Responses to information requests to Tennessee
Telephone shall be filed no later than..... 12/11/09

Requests for a public hearing in this matter
shall be filed no later than..... 12/30/09

If no requests for a public hearing are filed,
parties may file any additional comments
on the application and information requests
no later than..... 01/15/10

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