COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF ABSOLUTE HOME PHONES,	)	
INC. FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE	)	CASE NO.
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE	)	2009-00407
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY	)	

O R D E R

On October 8, 2009, Absolute Home Phones, Inc. ("Absolute"), 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] Absolute is seeking only low-income support and is not seeking high-cost support.[2]

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

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[1] Absolute 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 2 - 4.

[4] Id. at 2.

designated as an ETC in non-rural wirecenters;[5] and (4) designation of Absolute as an ETC for the designated areas served in Kentucky will serve the public interest.[6]

The Commission seeks comment on Absolute'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 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.

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, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

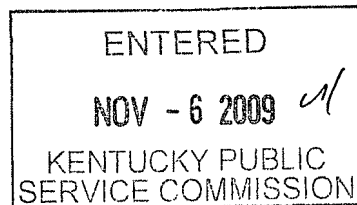_____

[5] Id. at 6.

[6] Id. at 6- 7.

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.

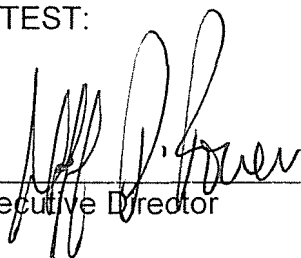3.   Any party filing testimony shall file an original and 10 copies.

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

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC
SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

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Executive Director

Case No. 2009-00407

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2009-00407 DATED NOV - 6 2009

Comments on the application shall be filed
no later than...12/18/09

Information requests to Absolute shall be filed
no later than...01/08/10

Responses to information requests to Absolute
shall be filed no later than..01/22/10

Requests for a public hearing in this matter
shall be filed no later than..02/05/10

If no requests for a public hearing are filed,
parties may file any additional comments
on the application and information requests
no later than...02/19/10

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