

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION OF SE)
ACQUISITIONS, LLC FOR DESIGNATION) CASE NO.
AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS) 2011-00356
CARRIER IN ADDITIONAL SERVICE AREAS)

ORDER

SE Acquisitions, LLC (“SE Acquisitions”) is a competitive local exchange carrier.¹ SE Acquisitions provides local exchange service using its own facilities, facilities that SE Acquisitions leases from other carriers, and resale of other carriers’ services. On March 11, 2002, SE Acquisitions petitioned the Commission to designate SE Acquisitions as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) and 47 C.F.R. §54.201-207 in certain Kentucky counties in the service territories of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Kentucky (“AT&T Kentucky”) and Windstream Kentucky East, LLC (“Windstream East”). The Commission granted the request on November 26, 2002.² Additionally, on January 28, 2009 and April 28, 2011, the Commission granted SE Acquisitions requests to be designated as an ETC in other

¹ SE Acquisitions, LLC is f/k/a SouthEast Telephone, Inc.

² Case No. 2002-00080, Petition of SE Acquisitions Telephone, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (Ky. PSC Nov. 26, 2002).

areas in Kentucky.³ SE Acquisitions now seeks expansion of its designation of ETC status in 16 additional counties.⁴

To receive ETC status, the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) requires a common carrier to: (1) Offer services that are supported by federal universal support mechanisms⁵ throughout its designated service area; (2) Provide these services using its own facilities (including unbundled network elements) or a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier’s facilities; and (3) Advertise the availability of these services through media of general distribution.

The Commission finds that SE Acquisitions has met the standards established by the FCC. SE Acquisitions currently provides services supported by the Federal Universal Service mechanisms.⁶ In its petition requesting ETC designation, SE Acquisitions affirmed that it offers these services using its own facilities and facilities that SE Acquisitions leases from other carriers and by resale of other carriers’ service.⁷

³ Case No. 2009-00005, Supplemental Petition of Southeast Telephone, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Additional Service Areas. (Ky. PSC January 28, 2009) and Case No. 2011-00126, Supplemental Petition of SE Acquisitions, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Additional Service Areas (Ky. PSC Apr. 28, 2011).

⁴ Petition at 1 and Exhibit C.

⁵ These services are: (1) voice grade access to the public switched network; (2) local usage; (3) dual tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (4) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (5) access to emergency services; (6) access to operator services; (7) access to interexchange services; (8) access to directory assistance services; and (9) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers. 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a).

⁶ SE Acquisitions Petition at 2.

⁷ Id.

SE Acquisitions also states that it advertises the availability and price of these services using media of general distribution.⁸ SE Acquisitions has complied fully with FCC guidelines regarding ETC designation.

SE Acquisitions has provided sufficient evidence for this Commission to grant ETC status in these additional areas. This designation will benefit consumers in Kentucky by expanding the range of competitive choices and by providing an incentive for incumbent telephone companies to improve their existing networks.

The Commission, having reviewed the evidence of record and having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. SE Acquisitions is designated as an ETC for the wire centers listed in the Appendix. Accordingly, SE Acquisitions is eligible to receive federal Universal Service Fund support.

2. SE Acquisitions shall offer universal support services to consumers in its service area.

3. SE Acquisitions shall offer these services using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier's services, including the services offered by another ETC.

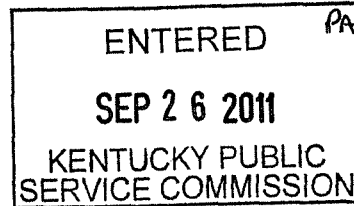
4. SE Acquisitions shall advertise the availability of and charges for these services using media of general distribution.

5. SE Acquisitions has certified to the Commission that it will comply with the FCC's criteria, in accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e), and is therefore eligible to receive Universal Service Fund support for the current certification period.

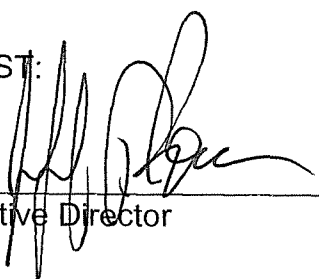
⁸ Id. at 3.

6. The Executive Director shall serve a copy of this Order upon the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company.

By the Commission



ATTEST:



Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2011-00356 DATED **SEP 26 2011**

Designated Areas for which SE Acquisitions is Granted ETC Designation

1. Non-Rural ILEC Wirecenters

265182 BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. dba AT&T Kentucky

CLPTKYMA	HRBGKYES	MCDNKYMA	FRDNKYMA	PRTNKYES
MARNKYMA	HCMNKYMA	HWVLKYMA	CLTNKYES	RLVLKYMA
EDVLKYMA	BNTNKYMA	GBVLKYMA	PDCHKYMA	PDCHKYLO
CLH NKYMA	ISLDKYMA	SCRMKYMA	LVMRKYMA	FKLNKYMA
CADZKYMA	BDFRKYMA	MLTNKYMA	MGFDKYMA	STRGKYMA
CLAYKYMA	DIXNKYMA	PRVDKYMA	SEBRKYMA	SLGHKYMA

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