

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF AMERICAN PAGING, )  
INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC )  
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO OPERATE ) CASE NO. 10112  
AS A RADIO COMMON CARRIER )

O R D E R

On December 17, 1987, an application in the above self-styled matter was filed by American Paging, Inc., of Kentucky ("American Paging") for permission to expand its service territory into the area in and around Elizabethtown, Kentucky. According to American Paging's application, such expansion would be accomplished through the installation of an antenna and other equipment on an existing radio station tower located within the proposed service area. Information filed pursuant to a Commission data request indicates that the total cost of the proposed installation is approximately \$16,000.

It is not the policy of this Commission to limit geographically the provision of beneficial and competitive services when such competition will not result in wasteful duplication of investment, nor in harm to ratepayers. For example, competition in the provision of interLATA long distance telephone service has been permitted in Kentucky, and interLATA carriers may originate traffic from any point within Kentucky. Similarly, the entry into a new market by a radio paging company in Kentucky should not

require any additional approval by this Commission. However, the tariff currently on file for American Paging does not reflect the availability of service at Elizabethtown. When American Paging becomes capable of providing service at Elizabethtown, or in any other area, its tariff should reflect such capability. See 807 KAR 5:011, Sections 2 and 4.

Finally, the installation of an antenna on a preexisting tower under the circumstances described in American Paging's application is not "construction" which requires the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to KRS 278.020(1).

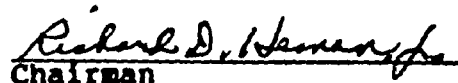
The proposals described in American Paging's application do not require Commission approval.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this case be and it hereby is dismissed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that American Paging revise its tariff, as necessary, to accurately reflect its service area.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 6th day of April, 1988.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

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Executive Director

  
Commissioner