

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF FORD COMMUNICATIONS )  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE ) CASE NO. 89-242  
AND NECESSITY TO OPERATE AS A RADIO )  
COMMON CARRIER )

O R D E R

On August 31, 1989, Ford Communications filed its application with the Commission seeking a certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as a radio common carrier in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. In addition, Ford Communications petitioned the Commission pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, for confidential treatment of certain documents submitted in support of its application. These petitions are pending Commission consideration.

Ford Communications is owned and operated by Joe L. Ford ("Ford") who has a certificate of Doing Business Under an Assumed Name as Ford Communications which was issued on February 12, 1987.

According to Ford Communications' application, it will transmit from an existing tower located at latitude 37-14-37 North, and longitude 87-11-28 West, one mile West of Powderly, Kentucky. The Muhlenberg County Water District ("District") is the owner of this tower, which is attached to the District's tank located at Nebo, Kentucky. Ford has entered into an agreement with the District in order to install an antenna on the tower for

use by both the District and Ford. According to the agreement, Ford was allowed to construct an equipment building within the perimeter of the fenced area of the tower. Ford was also allowed to hook into the electrical system of the water tower without any charge for any electricity used.

Based on its application, Ford Communications will use a 100 Watt continuous duty FM Repeater with a Programmable Interconnect, which is a fully automatic microprocessor controlled telephone interconnect for use in landmobile radio systems, and is designed as an interface controller between the public switched telephone network and landmobile radio stations, to originate and receive telephone calls, from the public switched telephone network. The duplexer that will be used is a 6 can band-pass, band-reject duplexer. A VHF public safety system has been established in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. VHF mobile phone will further enhance the capabilities of the local safety system.

The height of the antenna tip is 150 feet above ground level. The antenna will radiate power omni-directionally with a maximum effective radiated power of 500 Watts. The transmitters will operate on a frequency of 152.81 Megahertz.

The financial, managerial and technical capabilities available to Ford Communications are adequately demonstrated in the application. The personal finances of Ford are backing the operations of Ford Communications. Also, Ford has extensive experience operating private radio and paging services and managing private phone systems, community repeaters and a paging system.

The Commission, having considered the application and supporting exhibits of Ford Communications, and being otherwise sufficiently advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

1. Ford Communications possesses financial, managerial, and technical abilities to provide service.

2. Public convenience and necessity require the operation of services described in Ford Communications' application. Therefore, a certificate to operate as a radio common carrier should be granted to Ford Communications.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Ford Communications be and it hereby is authorized to operate as a radio common carrier, and to provide service as described in this Order and Ford Communications' application.


2. Ford Communications shall provide a toll free number or provision for accepting collect calls as a point of contact for customer complaints.

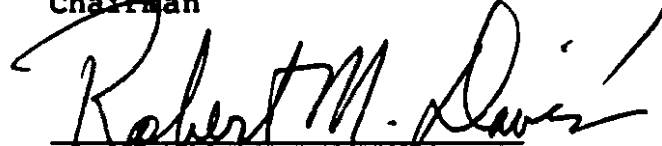
3. Within 30 days from the date of this Order, Ford Communications shall file its tariff sheets in accordance with 807 KAR 5:011.

4. Ford Communications shall file an annual report for this first partial year of operations and continue to file annual reports with the Commission.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of October, 1989.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Executive Director