

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INQUIRY INTO THE COMMUNITY OF INTEREST)
AND AFFECT THEREOF BETWEEN THE AREAS OF) CASE NO.
GEORGETOWN, KENTUCKY, AND LEXINGTON,) 91-149
KENTUCKY)

O R D E R

The Commission initiates this inquiry to investigate whether a community of interest sufficient to support expanded local calling exists between the areas of Georgetown, Kentucky, and Lexington, Kentucky. Given the development of the Georgetown area and its proximity to Lexington, the Commission believes that the community of interest between the areas may be sufficient to demonstrate that two-way non-optional extended area service ("EAS") should be implemented between and among the communities. This inquiry will include a review of the impact such community of interest should have on the provision of telecommunications between the communities. The guidelines formulated by this Commission in Administrative Case No. 221¹ may not be utilized as the sole criteria for determining community of interest. Should the information to be provided as herein described show the existence of a community of interest sufficient to implement changes in the provision of telecommunications between Georgetown

¹ Administrative Case No. 221, Extended Area Telephone Service.

and Lexington, the Commission will request South Central Bell Telephone Company ("South Central Bell") and GTE South Incorporated ("GTE South") to petition the United States District Court, District of Columbia through the United States Department of Justice for a LATA boundary adjustment to enable them to carry the traffic between Georgetown and Lexington.

Having been otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. This inquiry be initiated to fully investigate the existence of a community of interest between Georgetown, Kentucky, and Lexington, Kentucky, for the purpose of providing two-way non-optional EAS.

2. South Central Bell, GTE South, and the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce shall be parties to this proceeding and shall file data on the matters designated below within 30 days of the date of this Order:

(a) Statistical information or any studies describing in detail socioeconomic indicators such as percentage of persons working in Georgetown but residing outside the community, percentage of persons residing in Georgetown but working outside of the community, the use of emergency and essential services by persons residing or working in Georgetown from the Lexington area which demonstrates the existence of a community of interest between Georgetown and Lexington.

(b) Investment cost in any additional plant and facilities necessary to provide EAS between Georgetown and

Lexington and the projected date by which such construction could be completed.

(c) The impact on the rates and charges for the Georgetown community and for the Lexington community of the provision of EAS between the two areas resulting from additional investment.

(d) Tariff changes that would be necessary for the provision of EAS between Georgetown and Lexington.

(e) Any alternatives to two-way non-optional EAS which would address the telecommunications needs between Georgetown and Lexington, based on the community of interest that may exist between the communities.

(f) The impact on the calling scope and patterns of surrounding communities and exchanges should the Commission require two-way non-optional EAS to be implemented between Georgetown and Lexington.

(g) The impact on surrounding communities and exchanges should the Commission implement any alternatives to EAS.

(h) Any additional information which may be necessary to demonstrate and establish the existence of the community of interest between Georgetown and Lexington.

(i) South Central Bell shall file a report prepared by the Urban Studies Center of the University of Louisville entitled "Community of Interest and EAS: A Review of the Literature and State Regulations."

3. All interexchange carriers and resellers which may be carrying traffic between Georgetown and Lexington shall be parties

to this proceeding and shall file data on the matters designated below within 30 days of the date of this Order:

(a) Traffic studies showing, by direction and time of day, the percentage of calls and traffic between and among the communities of Georgetown and Lexington.

(b) A description in detail of traffic by tariffed service which is currently carried between Georgetown and Lexington.

(c) A description of any options for addressing the telecommunications needs between Georgetown and Lexington and the projected implementation date for such alternatives or options.

4. There shall be an informal conference with all parties on June 20, 1991 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky, to discuss the data gathered.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of May, 1991.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


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ATTEST:


Executive Director