

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF THE FURST GROUP )  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC ) CASE NO. 93-100  
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY )

O R D E R

On April 9, 1993, The Furst Group, Inc. ("Furst Group") filed an application with the Commission seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to resell intrastate long-distance telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Commission requested additional information and Furst Group responded on June 25, 1993.

As a result of Furst Group's June 25, 1993 response, this Commission initiated Case No. 93-239<sup>1</sup> for alleged violation of KRS 278.020 and KRS 278.160. The Commission concluded that no violation occurred and dismissed the case.

Furst Group is a New Jersey corporation with its principal offices in the state of New Jersey which intends to resell tariffed services of facilities-based carriers certified by this Commission. Furst Group does not request authority to provide operator-assisted telecommunications services.

Furst Group does not own or operate, nor does it intend to construct, any telecommunications transmission facilities within

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 93-239, The Furst Group, Inc. Alleged Violations of Commission Regulations KRS 278.020 and KRS 278.160. Order dated July 13, 1993.

the Commonwealth of Kentucky. All intrastate telecommunications transmission services will be provided by an underlying carrier certified by this Commission.

Furst Group filed its proposed tariff on April 9, 1993. In response to the Commission's request for additional information, Furst Group filed revised tariff sheets on June 25, 1993.

The application provided by Furst Group demonstrates its financial, managerial, and technical capability to provide utility service. The Commission finds that Furst Group should be authorized to resell intrastate long-distance telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Commission further finds that the rates proposed by Furst Group, as revised on June 25, 1993, should be approved as the fair, just, and reasonable rates to be charged with the exception of the Long Distance Directory Assistance charge. Furst Group proposed to charge \$ .65 for each call requiring directory assistance. AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc.'s ("AT&T") current rate in the Commonwealth of Kentucky for a directory assistance call is \$ .60. Furst Group should file a revised tariff sheet with directory assistance rates not exceeding that charged by AT&T.

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

1. Furst Group be and it hereby is granted authority to resell intrastate long-distance telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky on and after the date of this Order.

2. Furst Group's authority to provide service is strictly limited to those services described in this Order and Furst Group's application.

3. IntraLATA services shall be provided in accordance with the restrictions and conditions of service contained in Administrative Case No. 323.<sup>2</sup>

4. The rates proposed by Furst Group on April 9, 1993, as revised on June 25, 1993, are hereby approved with the exception of the directory assistance charge previously discussed in this Order.


5. Within 30 days from the date of this Order, Furst Group shall file, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011, its April 9, 1993 tariff sheets, as revised on June 25, 1993, with the modifications set forth in this Order and which conform to the restrictions and conditions of service contained herein.

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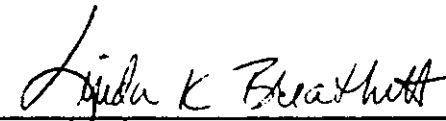
<sup>2</sup> Administrative Case No. 323, An Inquiry Into IntraLATA Toll Competition, An Appropriate Compensation Scheme for Completion of IntraLATA Calls by Interexchange Carriers, and WATS Jurisdictionality, Phase I, Order Dated May 6, 1991.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 31st day of March, 1994.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director