

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

JOINT APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY FOR )  
AMERICALL, INC., LDDB OF INDIANA, INC. ) CASE NO. 93-480  
AND LDDB OF KENTUCKY, INC. TO MERGE INTO )  
AND WITH LDDB COMMUNICATIONS, INC. )

O R D E R

On December 27, 1993, LDDB Communications, Inc. ("LDDB") and three of its operating subsidiaries, AmeriCall, Inc. ("AmeriCall"), LDDB of Indiana, Inc. ("LDDB Indiana"), and LDDB of Kentucky, Inc. ("LDDB Kentucky") filed an application for authority to merge and consolidate the three subsidiaries' operations into and with LDDB. The applicants state that the merger will prevent customer confusion, ease the burden of the regulator, and streamline operations for compliance with regulatory and other reporting requirements. Applicants' customers will continue to receive the same quality of service and neither of the applicants will receive an undue advantage as a result of the merger.

Each of the applicants is a nondominant telecommunications utility certified by this commission to provide intrastate services. Pursuant to the terms of the merger, AmeriCall, LDDB Indiana, and LDDB Kentucky will merge into and with their corporate parent, LDDB. The sole surviving corporation, LDDB, will do business as LDDBMETROMEDIA Communications under a single new consolidated tariff.

The application is supported by financial statements and the existing technical, managerial, and financial personnel will not change as a result of the merger.

Based on the application and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that LDDS has the requisite financial, technical, and managerial expertise to provide intrastate telecommunications services to current customers of AmeriCall, LDDS Indiana, and LDDS Kentucky. The proposed merger and consolidation is in accord with applicable law, for a proper purpose, and is consistent with the public interest.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The merger and consolidation of AmeriCall, LDDS Indiana, and LDDS Kentucky with and into LDDS be and it hereby is approved.
2. LDDS shall notify the Commission within five days of the earlier of: a) the closing of the merger and consolidation; or b) the abandonment of the proposed transaction.
3. LDDS shall file an adoption notice pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011, Section 11, within 10 days of the closing of the merger and consolidation.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 24th day of February, 1994.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director