

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF AMERICONNECT, INC. FOR A )  
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND ) CASE NO.  
NECESSITY TO OPERATE AS A RESALE COMMON ) 95-058  
CARRIER OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES )  
WITHIN THE STATE OF KENTUCKY )

O R D E R

On February 15, 1995, AmeriConnect, Inc. ("AmeriConnect") filed its application with the Commission seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide intrastate, long-distance telecommunications services as a reseller within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

AmeriConnect is a Delaware corporation proposing to resell the services of carriers currently certified within the Commonwealth of Kentucky in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in its tariff. AmeriConnect does not seek authority to provide operator-assisted telecommunications services.

AmeriConnect employs no intrastate transmission or reception telecommunications equipment or facilities in the performance of its services, and all intrastate facilities, equipment, and networking will be provided by the underlying carrier. AmeriConnect will not construct any new facilities in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

In AmeriConnect's April 19, 1995 response to the Commission's March 31, 1995 Order, it informed the Commission that compensation had been collected for non-certified

service. This alleged violation was resolved in Case No. 95-220 by Commission Order dated June 26, 1996.<sup>1</sup>

The information provided by AmeriConnect demonstrates its financial, managerial, and technical capability to provide intrastate, long-distance telecommunications service. The proposed rates filed February 15, 1995, and amended April 19, 1995, were rejected by Order dated August 16, 1995 because the application was not approved prior to the tariff's effective date.

On August 9, 1996, AmeriConnect filed a proposed tariff pursuant to Administrative Case No. 359,<sup>2</sup> to be effective September 8, 1996. The Commission has reviewed this tariff and finds that it contains fair, just, and reasonable rates. Accordingly, it is approved.

In Administrative Case No. 306,<sup>3</sup> the Commission stated the importance of eliminating possible customer confusion arising from the name of the billing service, rather than the name of the provider of telecommunications services, appearing on the bill. Accordingly, AmeriConnect should ensure that its name appears prominently on all bills issued to customers for services rendered by it.

The Commission, having considered the application, the information provided by AmeriConnect, and being otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 95-220, AmeriConnect, Inc. - Investigation Into the Alleged Violation of KRS 278.020 and KRS 278.160.

<sup>2</sup> Administrative Case No. 359, Exemptions for Interexchange Carriers, Long-Distance Resellers, Operator Service Providers and Customer-Owned, Coin-Operated Telephones.

<sup>3</sup> Administrative Case No. 306, Detariffing Billing and Collection Services, Order dated April 30, 1990.

1. AmeriConnect is granted authority to provide intrastate, long-distance telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky on and after the date of this Order.

2. AmeriConnect shall comply with the provisions of the Orders in Administrative Case No. 323.<sup>4</sup>

3. AmeriConnect shall ensure that its name appears prominently on all bills issued to customers for services rendered by it.

4. AmeriConnect's authority to provide service in this Commonwealth is strictly limited to those services described in this Order and in AmeriConnect's application.

5. The rates and charges proposed by AmeriConnect in its tariff filed on August 9, 1996 to be effective September 8, 1996 are hereby approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28th day of August, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

  
Commissioner

<sup>4</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.