

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ATHENA INTERNATIONAL, L.L.C. APPLICATION)
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)
AND NECESSITY TO TRANSACT THE BUSINESS)
OF A RESELLER OF INTEREXCHANGE) CASE NO. 96-002
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE)
STATE OF KENTUCKY AND FOR APPROVAL OF)
ITS INITIAL TARIFF)

O R D E R

On January 5, 1996, Athena International, L.L.C. ("Athena") filed an application with the Commission seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to resell intrastate interexchange long-distance telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Deficiencies of the application were cured on January 22, 1996. On April 23, 1996 Athena filed its response to the Commission's March 22, 1996 Order requesting additional information.

Athena is a Louisiana corporation with its principal office in the state of Louisiana and intends to resell tariffed services of facilities-based carriers certified by the Commission.

Athena does not own or operate, nor does it intend to construct, any telecommunications transmission facilities within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. All intrastate telecommunications transmission services will be provided by an underlying carrier certified by this Commission.

The application provided by Athena demonstrates its financial, managerial, and technical capability to provide utility service. The Commission finds that Athena should be authorized to resell intrastate interexchange long-distance telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Athena filed its proposed tariff on January 5, 1996. In response to the Commission's request for additional information, Athena filed revised tariff sheets on April 23, 1996. The Commission finds that the rates proposed by Athena, as revised on April 23, 1996, and with the following modifications should be approved as the fair, just, and reasonable rates to be charged:

1. Refer to Original Page No. 8, Billing Format. Include a copy of the billing format (Attachment A) which was omitted from the revised tariff.
2. Refer to Original Page No. 26, Section 2.7.4. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:006, Section 9, add language which allows customer complaints by telephone.

In Administrative Case No. 306,¹ 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, Athena should ensure that its name appears prominently on all bills issued to customers for services rendered.

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

¹ Administrative Case No. 306, Detariffing Billing and Collection Services, Order Dated April 30, 1990.

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

2. Athena shall ensure that its name appears prominently on all bills issued to customers for services rendered.

3. Athena's authority to provide service is strictly limited to those services described in this Order and Athena's application.

4. IntraLATA services shall be provided in accordance with the restrictions and conditions of service contained in Administrative Case No. 323.²

5. The rates proposed by Athena on January 5, 1996, as revised on April 23, 1996, with the additional modifications listed herein are hereby approved.

6. Within 30 days from the date of this Order, Athena shall file, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011, its January 5, 1996 tariff sheets, as revised on April 23, 1996, with the additional modifications listed herein.

² 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.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 2nd day of July, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Lydia K. Breckhoff
Chairman

E. J. [Signature]
Vice Chairman

Robert M. Davis
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Don Mills

Executive Director