

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF UNIVERSAL TELECOM, INC. FOR A )  
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND ) CASE NO.  
NECESSITY TO OPERATE AS A RESELLER OF LONG ) 96-142  
DISTANCE SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF )  
KENTUCKY )

O R D E R

On April 9, 1996, Universal Telecom, Inc. ("Universal Telecom") 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.

Universal Telecom is a Missouri 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. Universal Telecom does not seek authority to provide operator-assisted telecommunications services.

Universal Telecom 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. Universal Telecom will not construct any new facilities in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The information provided by Universal Telecom demonstrates its financial, managerial, and technical capability to provide intrastate, long-distance telecommunications service. The proposed rates filed April 9, 1996 and revised June 17, 1996, should be approved as the fair, just and reasonable rates to be charged.

In Administrative Case No. 306,<sup>1</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, Universal Telecom 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 Universal Telecom, and being otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

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

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

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

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

5. The rates and charges proposed by Universal Telecom are hereby approved as filed on April 9, 1996 and revised June 17, 1996.

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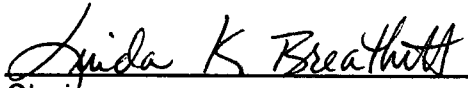
<sup>1</sup> Administrative Case No. 306, Detariffing Billing and Collection Services, Order dated April 30, 1990.

<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.

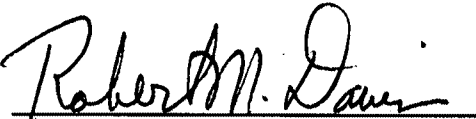
6. Within 30 days from the date of this Order, Universal Telecom shall file its tariff sheets in accordance with 807 KAR 5:011.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of July, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director