

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF SOUTHEAST TELEPHONE, )  
LTD. FOR A CERTIFICATE TO RESELL ) CASE NO. 96-279  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES )

O R D E R

On June 14, 1996, SouthEast Telephone, LTD. ("SouthEast") 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. On August 12, 1996, SouthEast filed its response to the Commission's August 8, 1996 Order requesting additional information.

SouthEast is a Kentucky Limited Partnership with its principal office in Pikeville, Kentucky and intends to resell tariffed services of facilities-based carriers certified by this Commission.

SouthEast 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 SouthEast demonstrates its financial, managerial, and technical capability to provide utility service. The Commission finds that SouthEast should

be authorized to resell intrastate interexchange long-distance telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

SouthEast filed its proposed tariff on June 14, 1996. In response to the Commission's request for additional information, SouthEast filed revised tariff sheets on August 12, 1996. The Commission finds that the rates proposed by SouthEast, as revised on August 12, 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, SouthEast 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. SouthEast 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. SouthEast shall ensure that its name appears prominently on all bills issued to customers for services rendered.
3. SouthEast's authority to provide service is strictly limited to those services described in this Order and SouthEast's application.

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

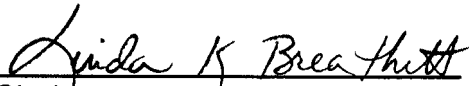
4. IntraLATA services shall be provided in accordance with the restrictions and conditions of service contained in Administrative Case No. 323.<sup>2</sup>


5. The rates proposed by SouthEast on June 14, 1996, as revised on August 12, 1996, are hereby approved.


6. Within 30 days from the date of this Order, SouthEast shall file, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011, its June 14, 1996 tariff sheets, as revised on August 12, 1996, without modifications.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 3rd day of September, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

<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.