

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSIGNMENT) ADMINISTRATIVE
OF ABBREVIATED N11 DIALING CODES) CASE NO. 343
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O R D E R

On April 21, 1997, the Transportation Cabinet filed a petition for an extension of the trial use period for the 311 dialing code for the provision of Traveler Telephone Information in Northern Kentucky. The extension request is from June 21, 1997 to September 30, 1997.

In its June 21, 1995 Order, the Commission mandated Cincinnati Bell to allocate 311 to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for its public service project entitled Advanced Regional Traffic Interactive Management Information System ("ARTIMIS"). ARTIMIS provides a centralized traffic routing system for the Cincinnati metropolitan area. The Commission determined that the allocation of 311 was in the best interest of Kentucky telephone users and ordered its assignment for a period of two years. The Commission stated that it would review the purpose and use made by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet at the end of the two-year period and decide whether 311 should be retained.

The Transportation Cabinet argues that the extension will enable it to explore options for the use of 311 in the Cincinnati area in light of the Federal Communications

Commission's ("FCC") designation of 311 for non-emergency police calls.¹ The Transportation Cabinet notes that certain Transportation agencies across the country intend to petition the FCC to designate either 211 or 511 for national use to provide Telephone Traveler information.

On May 1, 1997, Cincinnati Bell responded to the Transportation Cabinet's motion. Cincinnati Bell requests that the Department of Transportation be required to show cause why the trial period should continue past June 21, 1997. Cincinnati Bell does not cite any detriment to granting the extension.

The Commission finds that the Department of Transportation has demonstrated that an extension is warranted. The Department of Transportation's petition details its efforts to seek options to the continued use of 311. The extension will prevent disruption to the Transportation Cabinet's program as it awaits a final decision on 311 dialing code use. The Transportation Cabinet should file its application regarding the future use of 311 no later than August 13, 1997 to enable the Commission adequate time for review prior to September 30, 1997.

The Commission, having reviewed the motions of the Transportation Cabinet and Cincinnati Bell, HEREBY ORDERS that:

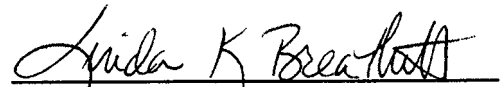
1. The Transportation Cabinet's motion is granted and Cincinnati Bell's motion is denied.

¹ CC Docket No. 92-105, FCC Order, First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making, dated February 18, 1997.

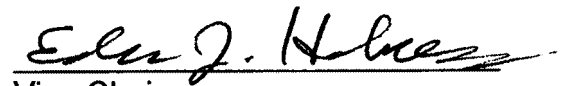
2. The Transportation Cabinet shall file an application regarding its use of 311 no later than August 13, 1997.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28th day of May, 1997.

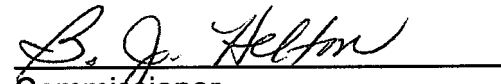
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