

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF AMERILINK OF)
KENTUCKY, LLC, FOR A CERTIFICATE TO) CASE NO. 97-517
PROVIDE INTRASTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES)

ORDER

On December 19, 1997, AmeriLink of Kentucky, LLC ("AmeriLink") filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to construct facilities for the provision of telecommunications services within Kentucky. AmeriLink is a Kentucky limited liability company with its main office in Florence, Kentucky.

AmeriLink plans to construct a fiber optic network linking Lexington, Louisville, and Northern Kentucky and to lease or sell fiber optic transmission media to various entities, including utilities authorized by this Commission. AmeriLink proposes to submit all documents relating to the lease or sale of transmission media located in Kentucky with the Commission when such documents are executed by the parties.

The information provided by AmeriLink demonstrates its financial, managerial, and technical capability to provide utility service within Kentucky.


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


1. AmeriLink is granted the authority to construct facilities for the provision of telecommunications services within Kentucky on and after the date of this Order.

2. AmeriLink shall file tariff sheets pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011 describing generally its operations and shall file copies of all special contracts executed for the lease or sale of fiber optic transmission media.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 3rd day of February, 1998.


PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director