

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF PHONE-LINK, INC. FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)
NECESSITY TO PROVIDE INTRASTATE LOCAL) CASE NO. 98-021
AND LONG DISTANCE RESALE OF)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN THE)
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)

O R D E R

On January 5, 1998, Phone-Link, Inc. ("Phone-Link") filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange and intrastate long-distance telecommunications service. Phone-Link is a Kentucky corporation with its principal office in LaGrange, Kentucky.

Phone-Link seeks authority to provide prepaid local telecommunications resale service to consumers who are unable to receive telephone service from the incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC") because of poor credit or prior payment histories. Phone-Link will offer the customer all local services available for resale from the ILEC. Phone-Link will not permit a customer to originate direct dial ("1+") or ("0+") toll services or caller-paid information services.

Concurrently, Phone-Link and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") have submitted their negotiated interconnection agreement for Commission approval pursuant to 47 USC, Section 252(e). The Commission has reviewed the agreement and finds that no portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier

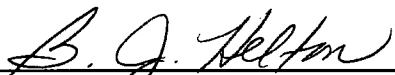
not a party to the agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of this agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

The information provided in Phone-Link's application and exhibits thereto demonstrates its financial, managerial, and technical capability to provide utility service. The Commission finds that Phone-Link should be authorized to provide intrastate telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, as described in this Order and its application. The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

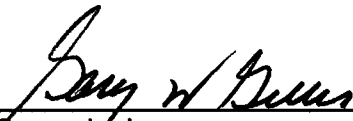
1. Phone-Link is granted authority to provide local intrastate telecommunications services within the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described herein and in its application, on and after the date of this Order.
2. The negotiated agreement between BellSouth and Phone-Link is approved.
3. Within 30 days from the date of this Order, Phone-Link shall file its Kentucky tariff pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of March, 1998.

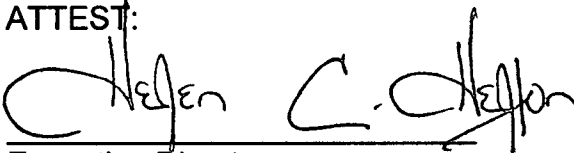
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