COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ACCUTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

ALLEGED VIOLATION(S) OF KRS 278.535 SWITCHING OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER CASE NO. 2000-133

<u>ORDER</u>

On March 22, 2000, the Commission ordered Accutel Communications, Inc. ("Accutel") to show cause why it should not be penalized for alleged violations of KRS 278.535. The Commission directed Accutel to answer the Order within 20 days of its receipt. Accutel's response was due no later than April 24, 2000. As of this date, the Commission has received no response from Accutel. In its March 22, 2000 Order, the Commission scheduled a formal hearing for July 6, 2000 at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 2 of the Commission's offices. Accutel failed to appear at the hearing on July 6, 2000.

In the interest of equity and fairness, the Commission's March 22, 2000 Order will again be served upon Accutel by certified mail, return receipt requested, to its last known address and to its agent for service of process as registered with the Kentucky Secretary of State. Failure to respond within 20 days of receipt of this Order will result in the revocation of Accutel's authority to provide telecommunications service in this Commonwealth.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission, on its own motion, HEREBY ORDERS that:

 Accutel shall submit to the Commission within 20 days of the date of receipt of this Order a response to allegations contained in each count of the March 22, 2000 Order.

2. Any request for a hearing or an informal conference with the Commission Staff to consider any matter which would expedite the handling or disposition of this proceeding shall be filed with the Commission no later than 20 days from the date of receipt of this Order.

3. Failure to respond to this Order within 20 days of its receipt shall result in the revocation of Accutel's authority to do business in this Commonwealth, and an automatic assessment of \$90,000, pursuant to KRS 278.535(6) and KRS 278.990.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of July, 2000.

By the Commission

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Executive Director