

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

e-Tel, LLC FOR DESIGNATION AS AN)
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS) CASE NO. 2002-00323
CARRIER)

ORDER

On August 29, 2002, e-Tel, LLC (e-Tel) petitioned the Commission to designate e-Tel as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) pursuant to FCC Section 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201. If granted ETC status, e-Tel s service may include study areas currently served by other incumbent local exchange carriers in Kentucky. The Commission will add all incumbent local exchange carriers to the service list of this case.

The Commission seeks comments from these companies, the parties, and other members of the public that will assist the Commission in fully considering e-Tel s petition. The Commission being sufficiently advised, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:


1. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, the parties herein and any interested person may submit written comments to the Commission regarding e-Tel s petition.
2. Any request for a hearing in this matter shall be made no later than October 31, 2002.

3. e-Tel shall file no later than October 31, 2002 an original and 10 copies of the information requested in Appendix A, attached hereto. e-Tel shall also serve a copy on all parties of record.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 14th day of October, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chambers" followed by a stylized flourish and a circled "1". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2002-00323 DATED October 14, 2002

1. e-Tel shall submit to the Commission a list of all the study areas in which it seeks ETC status.

2. e-Tel agrees that if designated as an ETC, e-Tel will comply with the following: offer the services that are supported by federal universal support mechanisms under Section 254(c). These services are:

a. Voice-grade access to the public switched telephone network, including some usage.

b. Dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent.

c. Single-party service or its functional equivalent.

d. Access to emergency services including 911 and Enhanced 911.

e. Access to operator services.

f. Access to interexchange service.

g. Access to directory assistance.

To what extent (number or percentage of lines or customers) does e-Tel provide each service?

3. Affirm that e-Tel is currently providing all of the above services and the manner in which it is providing those services. If e-Tel is not providing any of these services, explain why it does not provide those services and/or when it would plan to provide those services.

4. e-Tel agrees to comply with the following: advertise the availability of and charges for such services using media of general circulation.

a. Has e-Tel engaged in advertising services supported by the federal universal service fund to date in its serving area? If so, provide examples of the types of advertising e-Tel has employed recently (within the last year). The examples can either be descriptive or actual copies of newspaper ads, newsletters, radio, video or other media. Provide dates and media used.

b. If e-Tel has more specific information regarding its public outreach efforts, such as a marketing plan, supportive of its application, provide either a copy of the plan, or sections from it, that pertain to the services covered in this application. If e-Tel does not have more specific information, explain how e-Tel intends to assure the Commission that the advertising requirement is satisfied.

5. e-Tel also agrees to comply with the following: offer all services that are supported by federal universal support mechanisms under Section 254(c) using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier's services, including the services offered by another eligible telecommunications carrier.

a. Provide a breakdown of the current number of access lines served by each method.

b. Provide a breakdown of the anticipated number of access lines to be served by UNE-P and resale by residential and business lines.

c. Does e-Tel provide any access lines to customers concurrently served by any other incumbent local exchange carrier? If there are any, are the lines

provided by e-Tel primary or secondary? If there is more than one type, provide the number of primary and the number of secondary lines.

6. Provide a detailed history of plant and equipment improvements or investments by e-Tel since it began providing competitive local exchange service.

7. Provide a description of the approximate geographic area and the population covered by e-Tel and any areas of planned expansion. Provide a map of the actual area covered and any planned areas of expansion.

8. Is e-Tel willing and able to serve all customers within the above-described geographic area?

9. Has e-Tel identified the amount of federal high cost universal service funding associated with this area?