

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY ALLTEL,)
INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC)
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE)
ACQUISITION OF A NEW FRANCHISE FOR) CASE NO. 2003-00234
THE USE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN)
THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY)
OF LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY)

O R D E R

On June 18, 2003, Kentucky ALLTEL, Inc. (ALLTEL) filed with the Commission its application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity that there is a demand and need for continued local telephone service in the territorial limits of the city of Lexington, Kentucky. Said certificate is required to permit ALLTEL to bid on a new franchise offered for sale by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG). Under the provisions of KRS 278.020(3), no utility may apply for a franchise from any governmental agency until it has obtained a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity from this Commission based on our finding that there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered.

The Commission determines that there is evidence of a need and demand for telecommunications service in the above-mentioned area. Since the Commission's authority in such matters is limited by statute to finding only whether there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered, no finding or determination is made as to the qualifications of the bidder, the validity of any of the provisions of the franchise offered

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by said city, or the manner in which any franchise fee is to be treated for rate purposes.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. ALLTEL is granted a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity that authorizes it to bid on a franchise for local telecommunications services offered by the LFUCG.

2. ALLTEL, if it becomes the successful bidder, shall file with this Commission two copies of the franchise agreement.

3. This Order shall not be construed as granting a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to construct utility facilities.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of June, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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