

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF CINCINNATI BELL )  
TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR A )  
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND ) CASE NO.  
NECESSITY AUTHORIZING IT TO BID ON ) 2003-00238  
A TELEPHONE FRANCHISE IN THE CITY )  
OF SOUTHGATE, KENTUCKY )

O R D E R

On June 20, 2003, Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company ( Cincinnati Bell ) filed with the Commission its application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity finding that there is a demand and need for continued local telephone service in the city of Southgate, Kentucky. 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 services in the above-mentioned city. 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 by said city, or the manner in which any franchise fee is to be treated for rate purposes.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Cincinnati Bell is granted a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity that authorizes it to bid on a franchise for telecommunications services offered by the above-mentioned city.

2. Cincinnati Bell, 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 in said city.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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