

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS,	)	
INCORPORATED FOR DESIGNATION AS	)	CASE NO.
AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	)	2003-00397
CARRIER	)	

ORDER

On October 8, 2003, North Central Communications, Incorporated ( NCC ) petitioned the Commission to designate NCC as an eligible telecommunications carrier ( ETC ) pursuant to FCC Section 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201. If granted ETC status, NCC s service may include study areas currently served by other incumbent local exchange carriers in Kentucky. The Commission will add all affected 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 NCC s petition. The Commission being sufficiently advised, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, NCC shall file an original and 10 copies of the information requested in Appendix A, attached hereto. NCC shall also serve a copy on all parties of record.

2. Within 45 days of the date of this Order, the parties herein and any interested person may submit written comments to the Commission regarding NCC s petition.

3. Any request for a hearing in this matter shall be made no later than 60 days of the date of this Order.

4. Kentucky ALLTEL, Inc. shall be made a party to this case.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas H. O'Dell", written over a horizontal line.

Executive Director

## APPENDIX A

### APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2003-00397 DATED November 10, 2003

1. NCC states that it currently provides service in Scottsville, Kentucky. Is this the only exchange in which NCC plans to provide service? Does NCC have facilities in place or otherwise have arrangements that will enable it to provide service to the entire exchange?

2. NCC agrees that if designated as an ETC, NCC 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 NCC provide each service?

3. Affirm that NCC is currently providing all of the above services and the manner in which it is providing those services. If NCC 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. NCC 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. Does NCC provide any access lines to customers concurrently served by any other incumbent local exchange carrier? If there are any, are the lines provided by NCC primary or secondary? If there is more than one type, provide the number of primary and the number of secondary lines.

5. Provide a detailed history of plant and equipment improvements or investments by NCC since it began providing competitive local exchange service.

6. Provide a description of the approximate geographic area and the population covered by NCC and any areas of planned expansion. Provide a map of the actual area covered and any planned areas of expansion.

7. Is NCC willing and able to serve all customers within the above-described geographic area?

8. Has NCC identified the amount of federal high cost universal service funding associated with this area?