

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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| APPLICATION OF RUSSELL COUNTY         | ) | CASE NO.   |
| TOURIST COMMISSION FOR A PUBLIC       | ) | 2004-00357 |
| INTEREST PAYPHONE IN RUSSELL SPRINGS, | ) |            |
| KENTUCKY                              | ) |            |

DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF TO RUSSELL  
COUNTY TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER

Commission Staff hereby requests that the Russell County Tourist Information Center ("Tourist Center") file the original and four copies of the following information within 30 days of the date of this request, with a copy to Duo County Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation ("Duo County"), Bill Magruder, Manager, 1021 W. Cumberland Ave., P.O. Box 80, Jamestown, KY 42629, and the Kentucky Payphone Association, Gary Pace, Executive Director, 512 College St., Bowling Green, KY 42101. Each copy should be identified by the case number of this proceeding. Each response should be numbered to correspond with the original item requesting information.

1. Is the Tourist Center a "public interest" location? That is, would a public interest payphone at the location of the Tourist Center ensure the availability of payphone service to serve the public interests of health, safety, and welfare in a setting where a payphone would not otherwise be located?

2. Is the Tourist Center location a place with demonstrable need for a public telephone service? If so, please describe in detail how that need is demonstrated, such as number of requests per week for access to a public phone, number of persons who

visit the Tourist Center weekly, and any other statistics that would give the Commission an indication of the need for a public payphone at the requested location.

3. You state in the application that the payphone would assist travelers in matters regarding their health, safety, and welfare. Provide a detailed explanation.

4. Is the surrounding location where the payphone is requested to be located considered commercial, or is it considered residential?

5. From the application filed by the Tourist Center, it appears that Duo County removed a coin-operated telephone from the same location in 2002. What explanation did Duo County give for its removal?

6. Provide an estimate of the number of calls per day expected to be made from the requested payphone.

7. Is telephone service already installed at the requested location? If so, is the existing telephone available to the public for emergency use?

8. What are the three nearest business locations? Name the businesses and indicate how far each is from the location where the payphone is requested.

9. How far away from the location where the payphone is requested are the three nearest residences?

10. Describe in general the location of the closest existing payphone to the Tourist Center.

11. Provide a map of the location where this payphone is requested and the immediate surrounding area.

12. How many payphone providers has the Tourist Center contacted regarding installation of a payphone? Name the payphone providers and describe in general what the Tourist Center was told regarding installation and the willingness of a provider to locate a payphone at the Tourist Center.

The Tourist Center's responses to these questions will assist the Commission in evaluating the need for and benefits to be derived from the provision of a public interest payphone at the Tourist Center. Any procedural questions should be directed to Amy Dougherty at (502) 564-3940, ext. 257, or at [aedougherty@ky.gov](mailto:aedougherty@ky.gov).



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DATED October 25, 2004

cc: All Parties

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