

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

GLOBAL CONNECTION INC. OF KENTUCKY)	
PETITION FOR DESIGNATION AS AN)	CASE NO.
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER)	2007-00172
IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)	

O R D E R

On April 30, 2007, Global Connection Inc. of Kentucky (“Global Connection”) filed an application requesting to be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier under the provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 214. The application was filed by the president of the company.

Nowhere in the application is the president of Global Connection identified as an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Kentucky law prohibits corporations from practicing law.¹ The practice of law is broadly defined in Kentucky Supreme Court Rule 3.020, which states:

The practice of law is any service rendered involving legal knowledge or legal advice, whether of representation, counsel or advocacy in or out of court, rendered in respect to the rights, duties, obligations, liabilities or business relations of one requiring the services. . . .

Seeking designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier is a service involving the practice of law within the context of the rule.

¹ Kentucky State Bar Association v. First Federal Savings and Loan Assoc. of Covington, 342 S.W.2d 397 (Ky. 1961).

Additionally, in Administrative Case No. 249,² the Commission acknowledged Supreme Court Rule 3.030, which requires counsel who are not licensed to practice law in Kentucky to engage a member of the Kentucky Bar Association as co-counsel. Said co-counsel must appear with the non-licensed attorney in any proceeding before the Commission.

Accordingly, Global Connection must be represented before the Commission by counsel licensed to practice in Kentucky. The Commission finds that Global Connection's application should be dismissed without prejudice to Global Connection's resubmittal of the application by Kentucky counsel. Should Global Connection resubmit this application, it must do so through counsel licensed to practice in Kentucky.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Global Connection's petition for eligible telecommunications services is dismissed, without prejudice, for the applicant's failure to obtain legal counsel licensed in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to represent it in this matter. Global Connection may resubmit the application when represented by Kentucky counsel.

2. This matter is removed from the Commission's docket.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 11th day of May, 2007.

By the Commission

ATTEST:



Executive Director

² Administrative Case No. 249, Practice Before the Commission by Attorneys Non-Licensed in the Commonwealth of Kentucky (Ky. PSC June 15, 1981).