

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION OF SOUTHEAST)	
TELEPHONE, INC., FOR DESIGNATION AS AN)	CASE NO.
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER)	2009-00005
IN ADDITIONAL SERVICE AREAS)	

O R D E R

SouthEast Telephone, Inc. ("SouthEast") is a competitive local exchange carrier. SouthEast provides local exchange service using its own facilities and facilities that SouthEast leases from other carriers and resale of other carriers' services. On March 11, 2002, SouthEast petitioned the Commission to designate SouthEast as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) and 47 C.F.R. § 54.201-207 in certain Kentucky counties in the service territories of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Kentucky ("AT&T Kentucky") and Windstream Kentucky East, LLC f/k/a Kentucky Alltel, Inc. The Commission granted the request on November 26, 2002.¹ SouthEast has now requested that it be designated an ETC in four other Kentucky counties within the AT&T Kentucky region.

To receive ETC status, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") requires a common carrier to: (1) offer services that are supported by federal universal

¹ Case No. 2002-00080, Petition of SouthEast Telephone, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.

support mechanisms² throughout its designated service area; (2) provide these services using its own facilities (including unbundled network elements) or a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier's facilities; and (3) advertise the availability of these services through media of general distribution.

The Commission finds that SouthEast has met the standards established by the FCC. SouthEast currently provides services supported by the Federal Universal Service mechanisms.³ In its petition requesting ETC designation, SouthEast affirmed that it offers these services using its own facilities and facilities that SouthEast leases from other carriers and by resale of other carriers' services.⁴ SouthEast also states that it advertises the availability and price of these services using media of general distribution.⁵ SouthEast has complied fully with FCC guidelines regarding ETC designation.

SouthEast has provided sufficient evidence for this Commission to grant ETC status. This designation will benefit consumers in Kentucky by expanding the range of competitive choices and by providing an incentive for incumbent telephone companies to improve their existing networks.

² These services are: (1) voice grade access to the public switched network; (2) local usage; (3) dual tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (4) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (5) access to emergency services; (6) access to operator services; (7) access to interexchange services; (8) access to directory assistance services; and (9) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers. 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a).

³ SouthEast's Petition at 2.

⁴ Id. at 2-3.

⁵ Id. at 3.

The Commission, having reviewed the evidence of record and having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. SouthEast is designated as an ETC for the wire centers listed in the Appendix. Accordingly, SouthEast is eligible to receive federal Universal Service Fund support.

2. SouthEast shall offer universal support services to consumers in its service area.

3. SouthEast shall offer these services using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier's services, including the services offered by another ETC.

4. SouthEast shall advertise the availability of and charges for these services using media of general distribution.


5. SouthEast has certified to the Commission that it will comply with the FCC's criteria, in accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e), and is therefore eligible to receive Universal Service Fund support for the current certification period.

6. The Executive Director shall serve a copy of this Order upon the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28th day of January, 2009.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


FOR JEFF DEBOVEN, w/ PERMISSION
Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2009-00005 DATED JANUARY 28, 2009

COUNTY	RATE CENTER	CLLI
LEE	BEATTYVL BEATTYVL	BYVLKYMADS0 LXTNKY24W26
NICHOLAS	CARLISLE	CRLSKYMADS0
POWELL	STANTON STANTON	SNTNKYMADS0 LXTNKY24W26
PIKE	META	PKVLKYMTDS0

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