COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INVESTIGATION OF THE FAILURE OF CERTAIN NON-DOMINANT TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS TO FILE REPORTS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO KRS 278.140

CASE NO. 2004-00243

<u>ORDER</u>

The Commission hereby serves notice upon certain non-dominant telecommunications providers who have filed tariffs to provide service in Kentucky, whose names and last-known addresses appear on Appendix A hereto, that they shall, within 30 days of the date of this Order, show cause why their authority to operate in this Commonwealth should not be revoked for failure to comply with KRS 278.140.

KRS 278.140 requires each utility to file, on or before March 31 of each year, a report of its gross earnings or receipts derived from intrastate business for the preceding calendar year and, if applicable, an annual report. Based upon these reports, the Commission certifies to the Revenue Cabinet and the Finance and Administration Cabinet the intrastate revenue so collected. KRS 278.150. The Revenue Cabinet then, for the purpose of maintaining the Commission, assesses each utility in proportion to its receipts for intrastate business for the preceding calendar year. KRS 278.130. KRS 278.990 provides for penalties for failure to file the reports required by KRS 278.140.

The utilities listed in Appendix A to this Order have neither submitted their reports of gross earnings nor their annual reports, where applicable. Accordingly, it appears that they are subject to the penalties enumerated in KRS 278.990. However, it is not clear that these carriers are actively providing service in this Commonwealth. Moreover, it appears that pursuit of the assessments and penalties provided by KRS Chapter 278 would consume more of the Commission's limited resources than would be warranted.

Telecommunications is increasingly competitive, and regulatory oversight of such carriers is minimal. Pursuant to KRS 278.512, this Commission no longer issues a certificate for initial operations of non-dominant telecommunications carriers.¹ Each carrier simply files a tariff with the Commission, supplies necessary information regarding its corporate structure, and provides the name and address of its contact person for regulatory purposes.² Few carriers maintain an office in Kentucky and few are active in this state, despite their stated intent to do business here. Nevertheless, as utilities with tariffs in this state, the carriers are responsible for complying with statutory and regulatory requirements that continue to apply, including KRS 278.130, KRS 278.140, and KRS 278.150.

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¹ <u>See</u> Administrative Case No. 359, Exemptions for Interexchange Carriers, Long-Distance Resellers, Operator Service Providers and Customer-Owned, Coin-Operated Telephones (Order dated June 21, 1996); Administrative Case No. 370, Exemptions for Providers of Local Exchange Service Other Than Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (Order dated January 8, 1998).

Based on the foregoing, the Commission concludes that the public interest would be served best by sending this Order, by certified mail, to the regulatory contact person submitted pursuant to 807 KAR 5:003 by each of the utilities listed in Appendix A, putting each utility on notice that it must show cause to this Commission within 30 days from the date of this Order why it should not be subject to the penalties prescribed in KRS 278.990 for failure to comply with the statutes cited herein. In the absence of such showing and without further Commission Order, each carrier's authorization to provide service in Kentucky shall be revoked, its tariff shall be removed from the Commission's files, and its name shall be stricken from the Commission's list of active utilities. At that time any customer it currently serves shall be notified that the utility no longer provides service in Kentucky and that the customer must obtain service from another carrier.

Should any utility whose tariff is stricken under the terms of this Order later wish to file a tariff to provide service in this Commonwealth, the penalties for its failure to comply with KRS 278.140 together with accrued interest at the statutory rate of 6 percent per annum, shall be paid prior to the institution of service.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 12th day of July, 2004.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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