

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Nashville, Tennessee**

June 27, 1996

**IN RE: APPLICATION OF CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS
 COMPANY, D/B/A CITIZENS TELECOM FOR A CERTIFICATE
 OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

DOCKET NO. 96-00779

ORDER

This matter is before the Tennessee Public Service Commission upon the application of Citizens Telecommunications Company, d/b/a Citizens Telecom ("Citizens") for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity pursuant to TCA § 65-4-201 (c) as set forth in the above caption.

The matter was heard on May 15, 1996, in Nashville Tennessee, before Ralph B. Christian, II, Administrative Judge. On May 30, 1996, the Administrative Judge issued his Initial Order recommending that the application be granted.

The Public Service Commission considered this matter at a regularly scheduled Commission Conference held on June 25, 1996. It was concluded after careful consideration of the entire record, including the Administrative Judge's Initial Order and all applicable laws and statutes and particularly the requirements of Chapter 408 of the Public Acts of 1995, that the Administrative Judge's Initial Order should be approved and the authority granted as requested. The Commission further ratifies and adopts the findings and conclusions of the Administrative Judge as its own.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Administrative Judge's Initial Order, dated May 30, 1996, in this docket is hereby ratified, adopted and incorporated by reference in this Order as fully as though copied verbatim herein, including the findings and conclusions of the Administrative Judge which the Commission adopts as its own;

2. That the application of Citizens Telecommunications Company d/b/a Citizens Telecom for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity as a Competing Telecommunications Service Provider pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 408 of the Public Acts of 1995 is hereby granted;

3. That Citizens is authorized to offer all of the services that may be provided by a Competing Telecommunications Service Provider, as that term is defined in Section 3 of Chapter 408, TCA §65-4-101 (e); those services include, but are not limited to toll, local exchange, access, private line, paging and enhanced services, Centrex services, measured business lines, voice mail, ISDN, and vertical factors;

4. That Citizens abide by the rules and regulations of the Commission;

5. That Citizens may commence service under its certificate once it has filed proper tariffs for service to be offered and such other information as the Public Service Commission may require;

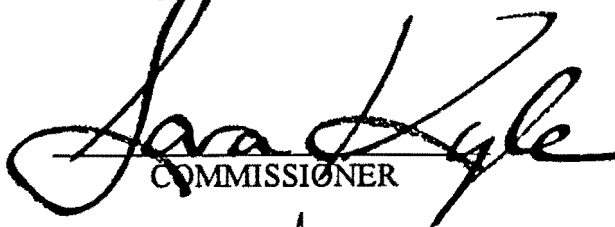
6. That any party aggrieved by the Commission's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Tennessee Public Service Commission within ten (10) days from and after the date of this order; and

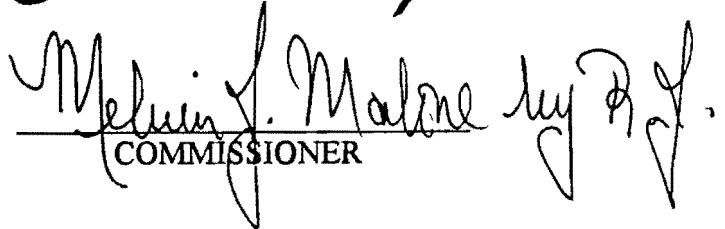
7. That any party aggrieved by the Commission's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Review with the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Middle Section, within sixty (60) days from and after the date of this Order.

ATTEST:


Executive Director


CHAIRMAN


COMMISSIONER


COMMISSIONER