

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Minimum)
Rate Pricing, Inc. to Request New Operating) Case No. 97-653-CT-ACE
Authority.)

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) On June 19, 1997, Minimum Rate Pricing, Inc. (Minimum) filed an application for authority to provide intrastate, interexchange telecommunication services in the state of Ohio. In its application, Minimum seeks to provide service as a nonfacilities-based reseller.
- (2) By entry issued July 17, 1997, the Attorney Examiner suspended the application in order to allow the Commission and its staff time to review the application more thoroughly. Staff's concern related to pricing options. After discussion with applicant, staff believes the application as filed should be approved.
- (3) The information contained in the Commission's file in this proceeding reveals the following:
 - (a) Minimum is a New Jersey corporation, with its principal place of business located at 300 Broadacres Drive, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003.
 - (b) Minimum proposes to resell the services of interexchange carriers to businesses, their employees, affiliates, and residential customers.
 - (c) Minimum is currently in good standing with the office of the Ohio Secretary of State.
 - (d) Minimum has notified the Ohio Department of Taxation of its intent to operate as a telecommunications provider in the state of Ohio.
 - (e) Minimum filed its proposed tariff on June 19, 1997.

- (f) An officer of Minimum has attested to the truth of the information that has been filed in this case.
- (4) The application's proposed operations qualify it as a telephone company and as a public utility, as defined in Sections 4905.02 and 4905.03(A)(2), Revised Code. Therefore, the applicant is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under the authority of Sections 4905.04 and 4905.05, Revised Code.
- (5) Upon review of all information and verifications in this case, the Commission concludes that the application of Minimum for authority to provide competitive telecommunication services throughout the state of Ohio should be granted. It appears from the record that Minimum is a proper party to receive such authority.
- (6) Further, the applicant seeks to establish rules, regulations, and rates governing the proposed services. After inspecting the proposed tariff, as filed on June 19, 1997, the Commission finds it to be in compliance with the orders issued in Case No. 89-563-TP-COI and concludes that the tariff should be approved.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the application of Minimum is approved and that a certificate be issued authorizing Minimum to provide competitive telecommunication services throughout the state of Ohio. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the proposed tariff of Minimum, filed on June 19, 1997, is approved. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the effective date of the approved tariff shall be a date not earlier than both the date of this Finding and Order and the date upon which three copies of such tariff are filed with the Commission. It is, further,

ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any subsequent investigation or proceeding involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copies of this Finding and Order be served upon Minimum and all interested persons record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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