

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 03A-318T

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF LIBERTY BELL TELECOM, LLC
DOING BUSINESS AS LIBERTY BELL TELECOM FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND FOR A LETTER OF REGISTRATION
TO PROVIDE EMERGING COMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

Mailed Date: August 21, 2003
Adopted Date: August 20, 2003

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement and Findings of Fact.

1. On July 23, 2003, Liberty Bell Telecom, LLC (Liberty Bell) filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services and a Letter of Registration to provide emerging competitive telecommunications services throughout the State of Colorado. 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-25-4.

2. Notice of the application was posted on the Commission's web site on July 25, 2003. Interventions were due on or before August 14, 2003. None were filed.

3. On August 8, 2003, Liberty Bell filed responses to audit requests posed by the Staff of the Commission. Those responses supplemented the record regarding Liberty Bell's managerial, financial, and technical qualifications to provide local exchange telecommunications services.

B. Discussion.

4. The application is unopposed and may be considered without a hearing. § 40-6-109(5), C.R.S.

5. Granting the application of Liberty Bell is consistent with the legislative policy statements contained in §§ 40-15-101, 40-15-501, and 40-15-502, C.R.S.

6. Before providing local exchange and emerging competitive telecommunications services, Liberty Bell must: (1) have effective tariffs for its services on file with the Commission; and (2) comply with all statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to telecommunications providers subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. 4 CCR 723-25-4.1.10.

II. ORDER**A. The Commission Orders That:**

1. Liberty Bell Telecom, LLC 's application is deemed complete.
2. Liberty Bell Telecom, LLC is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the State of Colorado. A detailed description of the applicant's service territory will be delineated in the local exchange maps filed with the tariff.
3. Liberty Bell Telecom, LLC's local exchange telecommunications services will be regulated under the default regulatory scheme contained in 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-38.
4. Liberty Bell Telecom, LLC is granted a Letter of Registration to provide the following emerging competitive telecommunications services throughout the State of Colorado:

advanced features; premium services; intraLATA toll; interLATA toll; switched access; jurisdictional private line services; and non-optional operator services.

5. Liberty Bell Telecom, LLC's emerging competitive telecommunications services, with the exception of non-optional operator services, will be regulated under the default regulatory scheme contained in 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-38.

6. Liberty Bell Telecom, LLC's non-optional operator services will be regulated under the default regulatory scheme contained in 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-18.

7. Liberty Bell Telecom, LLC shall serve customers in its service territory on a non-discriminatory basis. "Service territory" shall be defined as that portion of Colorado included in the local exchange maps provided with the applicant's tariffs. However, Liberty Bell Telecom, LLC shall not be required to extend service to customers where the underlying facilities-based provider has no facilities.

8. Unless the Commission orders otherwise, Liberty Bell Telecom, LLC shall begin providing local exchange and emerging competitive telecommunications services within three years after the grant of this Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-25-6.

9. Before commencing operations under this Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services and Letter of Registration to provide emerging competitive telecommunications services, Liberty Bell Telecom, LLC shall file an Advice Letter containing local exchange maps, local calling areas, and a proposed tariff to become effective on not less than 30 days' notice. 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1-41. Liberty Bell Telecom, LLC may also file a separate price list with the proposed tariff.

10. If Liberty Bell Telecom, LLC fails to file an effective tariff within three years from the Mailing Date of this Order, this Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services and this Letter of Registration to provide emerging competitive telecommunications services shall be deemed null and void. For good cause shown, and if a proper request is filed within three years of the Mailing Date of this Order, the Commission may grant Liberty Bell Telecom, LLC additional time within which to file a tariff.

11. In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Liberty Bell Telecom, LLC will be required to maintain its books of accounts and records using Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1-25(c).

12. Consistent with terms and conditions established in previous Commission decisions, Liberty Bell Telecom, LLC will be required to contribute to the Public Utilities Commission's Fixed Utilities Fund, the Colorado High Cost Support Mechanism, the Telecommunications Relay Services for the Disabled Telephone Users Program, the Emergency Telephone Access Act Program (Low Income Fund), and other financial support mechanisms that may be created in the future by the Commission to implement §§ 40-15-502(4) and (5), C.R.S.

13. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
August 20, 2003.**

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