

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 03A-377T

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF HOULTON ENTERPRISES, INC.,
D/B/A GUARANTEED PHONE SERVICE 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: October 9, 2003
Adopted Date: October 8, 2003

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement and Findings of Fact

1. On September 2, 2003, Houlton Enterprises, Inc., doing business as Guaranteed Phone Service (HOULTON), 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 September 4, 2003. Interventions were due on or before September 24, 2003. None were filed

3. On September 17 and 29, 2003, HOULTON filed supplemental information at the request of the Commission Staff. The responses supplemented and clarified the outstanding items in the docket.

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

5. Before providing local exchange and emerging competitive telecommunications services, HOULTON 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. *See* 4 CCR 723-25-4.1.10.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. Houlton Enterprises, Inc.'s application is deemed complete.
2. Houlton Enterprises, Inc., 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. Houlton Enterprises, Inc.'s local exchange telecommunications services will be regulated under the default regulatory scheme contained in 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-38.
4. Houlton Enterprises, Inc., is granted a Letter of Registration to provide the following emerging competitive telecommunications services throughout the State of Colorado: advanced features, intraLATA toll, and interLATA toll.

5. Houlton Enterprises, Inc.'s emerging competitive telecommunications services will be regulated under the default regulatory scheme contained in 4 CCR 723-38.

6. Houlton Enterprises, Inc., 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, Houlton Enterprises, Inc., shall not be required to extend service to customers where the underlying facilities-based provider has no facilities.

7. Unless the Commission orders otherwise, Houlton Enterprises, Inc., shall begin providing local exchange and emerging competitive telecommunications services within three years after the grant of this Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. *See* 4 CCR 723-25-6.

8. 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, Houlton Enterprises, Inc., 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. *See* 4 CCR 723-1-41. Houlton Enterprises, Inc., may also file a separate price list with the proposed tariff.

9. If Houlton Enterprises, Inc., 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 Houlton Enterprises, Inc., additional time within which to file a tariff.

10. In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Houlton Enterprises, Inc., will be required to maintain its books of accounts and records using Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. *See* 4 CCR 723-1-25(c).

11. Consistent with terms and conditions established in previous Commission decisions, Houlton Enterprises, Inc., 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.

12. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
October 8, 2003.**

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