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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

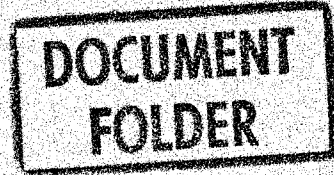
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Public Meeting held April 20, 1989

Commissioners Present:

Bill Shane, Chairman  
William H. Smith, Vice-Chairman  
Joseph Rhodes, Jr.  
Frank Fischl

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
v.  
Commonwealth Telephone Company



A-310800, F.004

**OPINION AND ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On November 30, 1988, Commonwealth Telephone Company ("Commonwealth") filed an Application with the Commission to transfer, by sale, all Radio Paging property and rights to Commonwealth Cellular Telephone Services, Inc. ("Cellular") under Section 1102(a)(3) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. §1102(a)(3). Commonwealth and Cellular are wholly-owned subsidiaries of C-TEC Corporation, a Pennsylvania Corporation.

This proposed transfer, which involves the transfer of property and rights having a depreciated book value of \$150,109, compromises less than 1% of Commonwealth's rate base. Commonwealth contends that the following factors support approval of the Application: (i) no immediate affect on rates or services; (ii) combine similar Cellular and Paging operations; and (iii) Cellular will upgrade equipment to state of the art.

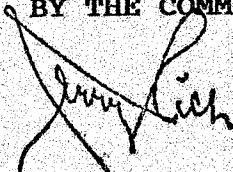
Our primary concern in this matter is to protect the interest of Commonwealth's telephone ratepayers. Although the Paging service which Commonwealth desires to transfer has produced returns in excess of those from telephone service, due

to the minuscule size of the Paging Service in relation to the total Commonwealth rate base, the effect of the transfer on telephone rate payers is de minimus. We shall, therefore, approve this Application. However, our approval should not be interpreted as a departure from our obligation to consider foremost in such transfers, the interest of the public.

**THEREFORE,**

**IT IS ORDERED:** that the Application of Commonwealth Telephone Company for approval of the transfer, by sale, of all Paging assets and services to Commonwealth Cellular Telephone Services, Inc., is hereby approved.

BY THE COMMISSION,



Jerry Rich  
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: April 20, 1989

ORDER ENTERED: April 20, 1989