

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF FILING OF CINCINNATI BELL, INC.,)
PROPOSING A RATE DISCOUNT TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS) CASE NO. 7749

O R D E R

On January 28, 1980, Cincinnati Bell, Inc., made a tariff filing with the Commission, wherein it proposed to extend a twenty percent (20%) discount from regular business rates to private schools, including parochial schools not supported by parish contributions.

The Commission was of the opinion and found that further investigation and hearing was necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rate discount and that such investigation and hearing could not be completed prior to the proposed effective date.

On February 18, 1980, the Commission issued an Order suspending the tariff filing for a period of five (5) months, from the proposed effective date of February 18, 1980.

On March 13, 1980, a hearing was held at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky. The Division of Consumer Protection, Office of the Attorney General, was granted leave to intervene and appeared as a party of interest.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being advised, is of the opinion and finds:

1. Cincinnati Bell's proposal to extend discount rates to private and non-parish supported parochial schools would involve approximately \$731 annually.

2. In previous cases before the Commission, the Commission has disallowed concession rates for rate-making purposes, and in Case Nos. 6659, 6848, and 7017 found them improper and ordered that they be eliminated.

3. The proposal to extend discount rates to private and non-parish supported parochial schools is improper, cannot be justified, is not in the public interest and should be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Cincinnati Bell is hereby denied its tariff filing proposing extension of concession rates to private and non-parish supported parochial schools. The pages of the tariff filing hereby disallowed are:

General Exchange Tariff U.R.C. No. 3

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Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of June, 1980.

UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST: