## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

APPLICATION OF SALEM TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES FOR TELEPHONE SERVICES RENDERED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1980.

CASE NO. 7782

## <u>O R D E R</u>

On the 26th day of March, 1980, Salem Telephone Company filed its Notice with the Commission wherein it proposes to increase its rates for telephone service rendered on and after the 1st day of July, 1980.

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that a hearing and investigation will be necessary in order to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that such investigation cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That the proposed rates, charges and classifications be and they hereby are suspended and the application of the rates is deferred for a period of five (5) months on and after the 1st day of July, 1980.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter in the event the proceedings in this case shall be terminated by final Order and/or otherwise prior to the termination of the five month period of suspension.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 26th day of March, 1980.

UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION Commission the,

ATTEST:

Secretary