

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

REQUESTS OF RESIDENTS OF GRANT)
COUNTY, KENTUCKY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT)
OF EXTENDED AREA TELEPHONE SERVICE)
BETWEEN GRANT COUNTY, KENTUCKY AND) CASE NO. 7685
BOONE COUNTY, KENTUCKY INCLUDING)
THE CINCINNATI, OHIO METROPOLITAN)
AREA)

O R D E R

The Commission has received a number of letters and petitions from residents of Grant county, Kentucky, concerning the establishment of Extended Area Telephone Service (EAS), between Grant county, Kentucky, and Boone county, Kentucky including the Cincinnati, Ohio metropolitan area. Both areas are served by Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company (Cincinnati Bell).

After considering the letter and petition, and being advised, the Commission on December 17, 1979, Ordered that Cincinnati Bell conduct a one month traffic study with respect to the toll calling patterns between Grant county, Kentucky, and Boone County, Kentucky, including the Cincinnati, Ohio metropolitan area, and report the results to the Commission within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order. Subsequently, on February 7, 1980, Cincinnati Bell filed the results of its toll traffic study.

After receiving the traffic study results, the Commission, by Order dated December 1, 1980, set the matter for hearing on December 17, 1980, at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of granting petitioners the opportunity to demonstrate to the Commission why this matter should be pursued, in view of the low calling activity among the various toll study routes as indicated by the toll traffic studies. Cincinnati Bell was also Ordered to appear at the hearing and offer testimony with respect to the toll traffic study results and further to respond to questions relative to the matter. The hearing was

held as scheduled, and all represented parties of interest were given the opportunity to be heard. Petitioners were not represented at the hearing.

The Commission, after consideration of this matter, including the public hearing and all correspondence of record, and being advised, is of the opinion and FINDS that:

1) The toll traffic studies which were conducted do not indicate a level of calling activity among any of the various study routes involved which would be sufficient to pursue continuation of this matter;

2) At the public hearing of December 17, 1980, no additional evidence of interest was introduced in calling among any of the various study routes involved;

3) Neither petitioners nor the toll traffic studies have demonstrated a two-way community of interest which must be shown to justify further consideration of this matter, and therefore this case should be dismissed;

4) Cincinnati Bell should develop rates for Optional Calling Plans (OCP) which will allow special rates for Grant county subscribers desiring to call into the northern Kentucky areas which are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the petition for Extended Area Telephone Service (EAS) between Grant county and the northern Kentucky metropolitan area, to include the Cincinnati metropolitan area, be and it hereby is denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company shall develop Optional Calling Plan (OCP) tariffs and rates for Grant county subscribers to call into the Kentucky Metropolitan, Alexandria, Burlington, Florence, Hebron, Independence, Union, and Walton exchanges, and further shall file those OCP tariffs and rates with the Commission within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the OCP tariffs filed shall include three (3) plans: Residence only, one-way, off-hours; residence or business, one-way, all hours; residence or business, two-way, all hours.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company shall, within thirty (30) days of Commission approval of the OCP filing, inform its Grant county subscribers via the use of bill inserts of the availability, conditions, and rates of the approved Optional Calling Plans.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky this 23rd day of January, 1981.

UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary