

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

PETITION OF RESIDENTS OF GALLATIN )  
COUNTY, KENTUCKY, REQUESTING A )  
SURVEY TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR )  
EXTENDED AREA TELEPHONE SERVICE ) CASE NO. 7472  
BETWEEN GALLATIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY )  
AND BOONE COUNTY, KENTUCKY INCLUDING )  
THE CINCINNATI, OHIO METROPOLITAN )  
AREA. )

AND

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

On January 9, 1981, the Commission issued its final Order in Case No. 7472, and on January 23, 1981, the Commission issued its Order in Case No. 7685. In both Cases, the requested Extended Area Telephone Service (EAS) was denied, and Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company (Bell) was required to offer Optional Calling Plans (OCP) to subscribers in the petitioning exchanges, such OCP to offer calling to areas within the Commission's jurisdiction. Both Orders required Bell to file these OCP tariffs within thirty (30) days of the dates of the Orders, respectively.

By letter received February 5, 1981, Bell requested that the implementation date of the OCP be deferred until November 1, 1981. Bell stated as its reason that under the existing Message Toll Processing System, OCP implementation would require (680) man-hours of computer programming time at an approximate cost of \$20,000.00 and that at least (90) days would be required to develop the practices and procedures necessary to implement the OCP.

Bell further stated that the Company is developing a new computerized Message Toll Processing System which is scheduled for completion by November 1, 1981. If the OCP tariffs could be implemented coincident with the introduction of the new system, minimum additional time, effort, and expense would be required because the computer programming requirements must be included in the new system in any event.

The Commission, after considering this request, and being advised, is of the opinion and FINDS that:

1) If Bell is required to implement the OCP tariffs as soon as possible, the effective date would be approximately June 1, 1981. The estimated savings to subscribers who elect the OCP between June 1, 1981, and November 1, 1981, would be far more than offset by the required expenditure of \$20,000.00, which must be paid by all of Bell's subscribers;

2) Bell's request to defer the OCP implementation until November 1, 1981, with an associated savings of \$20,000.00 is fair, just, and reasonable, is in the public interest, and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the implementation dates of the Optional Calling Plans required in Cases' No. 7472, and 7685, dated January 9, 1981, and January 23, 1981, respectively, be and they hereby are deferred until November 1, 1981.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company shall refile its Optional Calling Plan tariffs within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order, to reflect an effective date of November 1, 1981.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 27th day of February,  
1981.

UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Secretary