

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

RATE ADJUSTMENT OF)
WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH) CASE NO. 8225
COMPANY)

O R D E R

On April 20, 1981, Western Union Telegraph Company ("Western") filed its notice wherein it proposed to increase its rates charged for Telex Service, Teletypewriter Exchange Service, and certain services ancillary to them to be effective on and after June 1, 1981. On May 14, 1981, Western amended its application by requesting that the rates for Telex Service be increased above those proposed but not to be made effective until July 9, 1981. This Order does not consider or address the amended Telex rates which at present will remain unchanged. The rates addressed in this Order will maintain rate uniformity on an intrastate/interstate basis. Moreover, in addition to the proposed changes in rates, Western proposed in this filing to make incidental changes in the text of certain tariffs, including the elimination of the provisions for 60 word-per-minute TWX service and for the withdrawal of certain service features implemented through type 6-A operator assistance boards.

Western published notice of the proposed rates in accordance with Kentucky law and the Commission's regulations. The Commission has received no complaints concerning proposed rate changes. The Attorney General's Division of Consumer Intervention filed a motion to intervene in this matter on April 22, 1981.

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that a hearing in this matter is not in the public interest as the rates proposed by Western are fair and reasonable and have not been contested by Western's ratepayers and, further, that the additional cost incurred during the hearing process would, in and of itself, result in higher rates.

Therefore, the Commission after consideration of the evidence of record and being advised finds that the rates proposed by Western and set out in Appendix A of this Order are fair, just and reasonable to be charged for service rendered on and after June 1, 1981.

The Commission further finds that the text changes and withdrawal of certain services proposed by Western Union in its application are proper and in conformity with the changes on an interstate basis and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the rates and charges set forth in Appendix A to this Order be and they are hereby approved as the fair, just and reasonable rates to be charged by Western Union Telegraph Company on and after June 1, 1981.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the text changes and the withdrawal of certain services are hereby approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Western Union Telegraph Company shall file with this Commission within 30 days from the date of this Order its revised tariff sheets setting out the rates approved herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 1st day of June, 1981.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Merlin M. Voh
Chairman

Katherine Randall
Vice Chairman

Jim Harman
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 8225 DATED June 1, 1981

The following rates are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Western Union Telegraph Company. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of the Commission prior to the date of this Order.

TELEX SERVICE

VI. Telex Computer Service

4. Regulations
(g) Collect Service

(1) TCS-Telex and TCS-TWX messages destined to Telex or Teletypewriter Exchange stations in this State may be sent collect, in which event the applicable TCS-Telex service charge and usage charge provided for in VI.5(a) following plus a collect service charge of 25¢ on each collect TCS-Telex or TCS-TWX message will be charged to the Telex or TWX subscriber receiving the collect message.

5. Rates: The charges for TCS service are as follows:

- (a) For each TCS-Telex single message, a service charge of 12¢ per minute or fraction thereof applies plus a usage charge of \$0.034 for each tenth of a minute based on the time consumed in transmission as described in step (4) of VI.3(a) preceding.
- (b) For each individual TCS message forwarded to a TWX station, a usage charge of 80¢ for each minute or fraction thereof based on the time consumed in transmission as described in step (4) of VI.3(a) preceding.

TELETYPEWRITER EXCHANGE SERVICE

8.4 Regulations

(g) Collect Service

- (1) TCS-TWX and TCS-Telex messages destined to TWX or Telex stations in this State may be sent collect, in which event the applicable TCS-TWX service charge and usage charge provided for in 8.5(a) plus a collect service charge of 25¢ on each collect TCS-TWX or TCS-Telex message will be charged to the TWX or Telex subscriber receiving the collect message.

8.5 Rates: The charges for TCS service are as follows:

- (a) For each TCS-TWX single message, a service charge of 12¢ per minute or fraction thereof applies plus a usage charge of 41¢ for each minute or fraction thereof based on the time consumed in transmission as described in 8.3.(a)(4).
- (b) For each TCS-Telex single message, a usage charge of \$1.20 for each minute or fraction thereof, based on the time consumed in transmission as described in 8.3(a)(4), applies.