COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of

THE ASSISTED SERVICE TARIFF)
FILING OF BRANDENBURG) CASE NO. 8484
TELEPHONE COMPANY)

ORDER

On March 18, 1982, Brandenburg Telephone Company ("Brandenburg") filed a tariff to establish local and long distance directory and operator assistance charges. On March 29, 1982, the tariff was suspended to allow additional time for investigation. On May 19, 1982, Brandenburg filed information requested by the Commission and petitioned to withdraw the long distance directory and operator assistance charges.

Opinions and Findings

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

- 1. The Commission has received no comments or objections from any party. Therefore, a hearing is not in the public interest and should not be held.
- 2. Long distance directory and operator assistance charges are already in effect through South Central Bell Telephone Company's toll service tariff and do not need to be stated in Brandenburg's tariff.

- 3. A local directory assistance charge of \$.20 and a local operator assistance charge of \$.25 would be established.
- 4. The tariff is consistent with similar tariffs filed by other telephone companies and approved by the Commission.
- 5. Brandenburg will realize additional revenue of approximately \$18,746 from local directory and operator assistance charges.
- 6. Brandenburg will realize cost savings of approximately \$11,705 as the result of a new Operator Office Agreement with South Central.
- 7. The increased revenue and cost savings will not have a material impact on Brandenburg's authorized rate of return.
- 8. Brandenburg should notify customers concerning implementation of the local directory and operator assistance charges.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Brandenburg's petition to withdraw the long distance directory and operator assistance charges be and it hereby is granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Brandenburg's local directory and operator assistance tariff be and it hereby is approved, effective on and after October 15, 1982.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Brandenburg shall, within 10 days from the date of this Order, begin publishing once a week for 3 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the community or communities in which its customers reside a notice setting forth the rates herein approved. The notice shall also contain the following statement:

After analyzing the information contained in Brandenburg Telephone Company's application. the Public Service Commission has determined that the rates stated in this notice are required to enable Brandenburg Telephone Company to meet its operating expenses and continue to provide adequate service, and that the holding of a hearing in the matter would not be in the public interest as it would place additional costs on Brandenburg Telephone Company and its customers. However, if any customer desires to make a statement concerning the rates or request a hearing in the matter he or she may do so by mailing the statement or request to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615. Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602, by October 1, 1982.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Brandenburg shall file revised tariff sheets with the Commission, on or before October 15, 1982, stating the rates and regulations herein approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Brandenburg shall file with the Commission proof of publication of notice to subscribers on or before October 15, 1982.

> Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 7th day of September, 1982. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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ATTEST: