

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

AN INQUIRY INTO THE EXPENSES)
OF SOUTH CENTRAL BELL TELEPHONE) CASE NO. 8525
COMPANY IN OPPOSING H.R. 5158)

O R D E R

Whereas American Telephone and Telegraph Company ("AT&T") has stated its opposition to H.R. 5158, a bill which would amend the Communications Act of 1934, and also amend and clarify the terms of the consent decree entered into in January 1982 by the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ") and AT&T, which terminated the antitrust lawsuit brought by DOJ against AT&T;

Whereas AT&T has stated its intention to undertake a very concerted effort to prevent enactment of H.R. 5158;

Whereas AT&T has every right to undertake such an effort;
and

Whereas it is improper and contrary to the regulations of the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") that the customers of South Central Bell Telephone Company of Kentucky ("Bell") bear the cost of an effort on the part of AT&T to prevent enactment of H.R. 5158,

Now, therefore, IT IS ORDERED that within 10 days of the date of this Order Bell shall file with the Commission a plan to segregate and account for all expenses incurred by Bell in conjunction with efforts to prevent enactment of H.R. 5158.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in developing the plan referred to in the preceding paragraph Bell shall be especially diligent to make certain that customers of Bell bear no cost incurred by Bell in conjunction with efforts to prevent or unduly defer enactment of H.R. 5158. For instance, an appropriate segregation shall be made of travel expenses for any trip(s) by Bell officials during which AT&T's opposition to H.R. 5158 is made known, and an appropriate segregation shall be made of employees' wages and salaries for all time during which AT&T's opposition to H.R. 5158 is made known to Bell employees in an effort to encourage or solicit such employees' efforts to prevent enactment of H.R. 5158.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within 10 days of the date of this Order Bell shall file with the Commission an analysis of costs incurred through April 30, 1982, in an effort to prevent enactment of H.R. 5158.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of May, 1982.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Martin M. Voth
Chairman

ATTEST:

Katherine Randall
Vice Chairman

Secretary

Kim Paragon
Commissioner