

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

NOTICE OF ADJUSTMENT OF RATES)
OF SOUTH CENTRAL BELL) CASE NO. 8847
TELEPHONE COMPANY)

and

THE VOLUME USAGE MEASURED RATE)
SERVICE AND MULTILINE SERVICE)
TARIFF FILING OF SOUTH CENTRAL) CASE NO. 8879
BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY)

O R D E R

On August 17, 1983, Utility Rate-Cutters of Kentucky (Rate-Cutters) filed its request (Motion) to intervene stating that the proposed rate increase will present unreasonable hardships on the consumer and that the Rate-Cutters represents a significant constituency of the South Central Bell Telephone Company's (South Central Bell) service area.

On August 24, 1983, South Central Bell, by counsel, filed its Motion requesting that the Commission deny the Motion to Intervene. In support of the Motion South Central Bell states that the only interest alleged by the Rate-Cutters is their interest as consumers of telephone service, that the consumers are adequately and efficiently represented by the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, the City of Louisville, Jefferson County and the Commission Staff and that to permit intervention will result in a proliferation of parties' substantial additional

expense and will unduly lengthen the proceedings. South Central Bell further states that it has no objection to the Rate-Cutters appearing at any hearings the Commission may schedule for that purpose and making any relevant statement.

By letter dated August 30, 1983, the Commission requested that the Rate-Cutters advise as to the extent of the intervention, that is whether it is for the purpose of making a statement or for the purpose of fully participating by cross-examining technical witnesses and offering technical evidence. The letter stated that full participation would require all parties to provide copies of an immense amount of data resulting in a significant expense which ultimately would be borne by the ratepayers.

By letter received September 26, 1983, the Rate-Cutters responded to the Commission's inquiry stating that it would like to have the opportunity to speak on behalf of the customer population served by South Central Bell and indicating that, as representatives of the residential and small business consumer, it does not presently command the resources necessary for full intervention.


The Commission having considered the Motion to Intervene, the Motion of South Central Bell, the above correspondence and being advised HEREBY ORDERS That the Motion to Intervene be and it hereby is sustained; provided, however, that the intervention shall be limited to the purpose set forth in the letter received September 26, 1983, that is, to speak on behalf of customers of

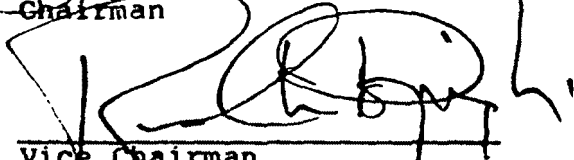
South Central Bell, and that South Central Bell and the parties herein shall not be required to furnish to the Rate-Cutters copies of Requests for Information and Responses thereto.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the Motion of South Central Bell be and it hereby is overruled.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of October, 1983.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary