

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION OF TOLL AND)
ACCESS CHARGE PRICING AND)
TOLL SETTLEMENTS AGREEMENTS) CASE NO. 8838
FOR CHANGES TO BE EFFECTIVE)
JANUARY 1, 1984)

AMENDED INTERIM ORDER

On December 29, 1983, the Commission issued its Interim Order approving certain tariffs concerning access charge pricing for all telephone operating companies in the Commonwealth. These tariffs would allow these companies to collect, subject to refund, for the provision of intra-state toll services beginning on January 1, 1984. These tariffs were placed in effect on an interim basis pending future hearings now scheduled to begin February 7, 1984. The Commission had expected most telephone operating companies to concur with the access service tariff filed by South Central Bell Telephone Company ("Bell") and, as a result, suspended most proposed tariffs, including the proposed Exchange Carrier Association ("ECA") tariffs.

On January 10, 1984, the Independent Telephone Group filed a motion for reconsideration to allow its members, and any others who will be a party to the ECA tariffs concerning

billings and collections, to use these ECA tariffs rather than Bell's billing and collection tariffs. The Independent Telephone Group stated that use of Bell's tariff would result in a loss of revenue and would be difficult to administer without the same data collection resources available to Bell. Moreover, they did not intend to concur with this particular tariff as originally filed by Bell.


The Commission finds that the motion should be granted since the Bell exhibits relied on by the Commission in making its interim order were based on the ECA tariffs rather than the Bell tariffs and will allow the Independent Telephone Group and any others to use, on an interim basis, the ECA billings and collections tariff if they file a concurring tariff setting out the specific tariff provisions to be used. If no concurring tariff is filed with the Commission, the access charges approved in the December 29, 1983, Order will be in full force and effect pursuant to KRS 278.160.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Interim Order issued on December 29, 1983, be and it hereby is amended to include the following ordering paragraph:


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any company proposing to concur with the ECA billings and collections tariff shall file with this Commission by January 28, 1984, a tariff setting out such concurrence.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of January, 1984.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary