COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION OF TOLL AND ACCESS CHARGE PRICING AND TOLL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR TELEPHONE UTILITIES PURSUANT TO CHANGES TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1984

CASE NO. 8838

ORDER

On May 31, 1984, the testimony and exhibits of the telephone companies with regard to their proposed access charges were offered and cross-examination thereon was conducted. In an effort to expedite the proceeding and to avoid requiring a second day of cross-examination, a number of questions were omitted on the basis that they would be requested in written form at a later date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that telephone companies having average based toll settlements shall file an original and 15

¹ ALLTEL Kentucky, Inc. Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. Brandenburg Telephone Company Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. Harold Telephone Company, Inc. Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Leslie County Telephone Company, Inc. Lewisport Telephone Company, Inc. Logan Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. North Central Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperaive Corporation, Inc. Salem Telephone Company South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company, Inc. Uniontown Telephone Company, Inc. West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.

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copies of the following information with the Commission not later than 10 days after the date of this Order. Each copy of the data requested should be placed in a bound volume with each item tabbed. When a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example Item 1 (a), Sheet 2 of 6. Include with each response the name of the witness who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to insure that it is legible.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any company not able to respond to the questions in the allotted time shall file a Motion for an extension of time including an explanation with the Commission prior to the due date. Since further cross-examination is to commence July 31, 1984, any extensions of time will of necessity be limited.

- 1. If the Commission should decide to require "bill and keep" of all access charges (intra & interlata) would you be capable of performing this function on your own?
- 2. Do you have any studies, estimates, etc. that show what your interstate and intrastate access costs are?
- a. If yes, can you break intrastate down to inter and intralata?
- b. If no, how expensive would it be to make these determinations? Do you have plans to make these studies? If so, when and when will they be completed?
- c. How (assuming you can break down cost) do the NECA interstate access charges also adopted for intrastate access compare to your own specific costs?

- d. Are you under or over on potential recovery? (without any make-whole provisions)?
- 3. What is your opinion regarding the Interim Access Charge plan currently in effect? Have you experienced unusual difficulties?
- 4. Assuming you favor some sort of revenue pooling, are you satisfied with SCB administering the pool? Are the costs of administration fair and reasonable? Would you favor an independent pool with more representation from you?
- 5. What is your position with regard to mirroring the FCC's access charge plan without the end-user on residential and single line business? Do you think this is workable?
- 6. Is it correct that you do not favor end-user charges on residential and single-line business? Is this just a short-term position or is it your position these should never be effective? Why?
- 7. What is your opinion with regard to end-user charges on multiline customers? Do you expect (and corroborate with any studies, discussions, etc.) drop-off of these customers as a result of end-user charges?

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of July, 1984.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

For the Commission

Secretary