

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 ) **CASE NO. 8838**  
TELEPHONE UTILITIES )  
PURSUANT TO CHANGES TO BE )  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1984 )

O R D E R

In an Order in this case dated November 20, 1984, the Commission required local exchange carriers to file revised access service tariffs and indicated a tentative implementation date of April 1, 1985. The Commission has received the following access service tariff filings:

On December 20, 1984, South Central Bell Telephone Company ("SCB") filed a revised version of its Access Services Tariff, PSC Ky. Tariff 1G, with an effective date of April 1, 1985.

Also, on December 20, 1984, SCB filed a new Universal Local Access Service Tariff, PSC Ky. Tariff 1J, ("ULAS") with an

effective date of April 1, 1985.<sup>1</sup>

On January 17, 1985, Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation ("Duo County") filed a revised version of the National Exchange Carrier Association's Access Service Tariff, Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, which Duo County proposed to adopt as its own. The filing was transmitted with the understanding that it was a preliminary filing. Subsequently, on February 27, 1985, Duo County amended its filing with the filing of its Access Service Tariff, PSC KY NO 1A, with an effective date of April 1, 1985.<sup>2</sup>

On January 18, 1985, General Telephone Company of Kentucky ("General") filed a revised version of its Facilities For

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<sup>1</sup> Other issuing carriers include ALLTEL of Kentucky, Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Brandenburg Telephone Company, Continental Telephone Company of Kentucky, Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, General Telephone Company of Kentucky, Harold Telephone Company, Highland Telephone Cooperative, Leslie County Telephone Company, Lewisport Telephone Company, Logan Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, North Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Salem Telephone Company, South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company, Uniontown Telephone Company, and West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation.

<sup>2</sup> Other issuing carriers include ALLTEL of Kentucky, Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Brandenburg Telephone Company, Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Harold Telephone Company, Highland Telephone Cooperative, Leslie County Telephone Company, Lewisport Telephone Company, Logan Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, North Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Salem Telephone Company, South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company, and West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation.

Intrastate Access tariff, P.S.C. Ky. No. 6, with an effective date of April 1, 1985.

On January 21, 1985, Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company ("Cincinnati") filed a revised version of its Access Service Tariff, PSCK No. 1, including ULAS provisions, with an effective date of April 1, 1985.

On January 24, 1985, Continental Telephone Company of Kentucky ("Continental") filed a revised version of the National Exchange Carrier Association's Access Service Tariff, Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, which Continental proposed to adopt as its own, with an effective date of April 1, 1985.

In an Order in this case dated February 22, 1985, the Commission deferred implementation of ULAS tariffs from April 1, 1985, to June 1, 1985. In this Order, the Commission will defer implementation of all other access service tariffs from April 1, 1985, to June 1, 1985, through the Commission's suspension authority.

The ULAS tariffs under consideration in this case are designed to recover residual access service revenue requirement. Insofar as residual access service revenue requirement exists in the case of any local exchange carrier, implementation of access service tariffs under consideration in this case prior to implementation of ULAS tariffs will result in revenue shortfalls. Such an event was not anticipated by the Commission and is not acceptable to the Commission.

In a motion filed on March 29, 1985, Continental raised the issue of potential revenue shortfalls and requested some form of relief. This Order grants relief through deferral of all access service and ULAS tariffs to June 1, 1985.

In addition, Continental, and Cincinnati by correspondence filed March 27, 1985, note that access service tariff provisions concerning billing and collection services are the subject of rehearing, and that the Commission has not issued an Order that disposes of billing and collection issues. In the absence of such an Order, Continental and Cincinnati state that revised billing and collection tariff provisions should not be implemented on April 1, 1985. The Commission concurs. In effect, through deferring access service and ULAS tariffs scheduled to be effective April 1, 1985, to June 1, 1985, the Commission is continuing interim access service tariffs now in effect, including billing and collection provisions. This action disposes of the billing and collection issue raised by Continental and Cincinnati.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that SCB's Access Services Tariff, PSC Ky. Tariff 1G, as filed on December 20, 1984, be and it hereby is suspended to June 1, 1985.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that SCB's Universal Local Access Service Tariff, PSC Ky. Tariff 1J, be and it hereby is suspended to June 1, 1985.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Duo County's Access Service Tariff, PSC KY NO 1A, be and it hereby is suspended to June 1, 1985.

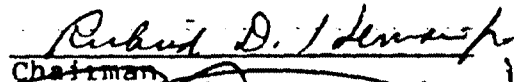
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that General's Facilities For IntraState Access tariff, P.S.C. Ky. No. 6, be and it hereby is suspended to June 1, 1985.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Cincinnati's Access Service Tariff, PSCK No. 1, be and it hereby is suspended to June 1, 1985.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Continental's Access Service Tariff, Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, as adopted for intrastate use, be and it hereby is suspended to June 1, 1985.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 1st day of April, 1985.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice-Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Secretary