COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF SOUTH CENTRAL BELL)TELEPHONE COMPANY TO CHANGE)AND INCREASE CERTAIN RATES)CHARGES FOR INTRASTATE)TELEPHONE SERVICE)

ORDER

On January 25, 1985, AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc., ("AT&T Communications") filed a motion for leave to file an information request to one of the witnesses for South Central Bell Telephone Company ("South Central"). As grounds therefor, AT&T Communications states that it did not receive complete copies of South Central's testimony until January 10, On January 30, 1985, South Central filed a response in 1985. opposition to AT&T Communication's request. South Central argues that the material requested by AT&T Communications is burdensome and is more properly explored in Case No. 8838 which concerns access charges. While the Commission agrees with South Central that the issue of access charges is more properly pursued in Case No. 8838, we, nevertheless, find that the material requested would not be hard for Mr. Lathram to provide from his present exhibits. Moreover, South Central concedes that they did not furnish AT&T Communications a complete copy of the company's testimony until January 10, 1985. For this reason, the Commission finds that AT&T Communications has shown good cause for its late-filed information request and the Commission will require South Central to respond to it.

On February 4, 1985, the Kentucky Hospital Association ("KHA") requested an additional extension until February 8, 1985, to file its direct testimony. The reason given for this request was that KHA was unable to meet with South Central until January 31, 1985. As a result of that meeting (and presumably encouraged by certain Commission Orders), KHA has chosen to explore its primary concern (LMS) as an intervenor in Administrative Case 285, which is devoted solely to the issue of LMS in Kentucky. Nevertheless, KHA still desires to submit testimony in this case on the impact that South Central's "proposed tariff" (presumably, the overall increase proposed by the company) would have on hospitals and health care costs in general throughout the state. The Commission will, therefore, allow this testimony to be filed by the close of business on February 8, 1985.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that South Central shall respond to the information and data requests filed on January 25, 1985, by AT&T Communications. South Central shall deliver this material to the person designated by AT&T Communications' attorney by overnight courier service on or before March 1, 1985.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that KHA may submit direct testimony to and including February 8, 1985. South Central shall have until February 19, 1985, to submit (by overnight courier service) any information and data requests to KHA. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other procedural dates set forth in Appendix A to the Commission's December 12, 1984, Order remain unchanged.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 7th day of February, 1985.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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