

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INVESTIGATION OF THE KENTUCKY)
INTRASTATE RATES OF SOUTH CENTRAL) CASE NO. 10105
BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.)

O R D E R

On December 16, 1987, the Commission entered an Order in the above-styled case. The purpose of the said Order was to initiate an investigation of the rates and charges of South Central Bell Telephone Company, Inc. ("SCB"). On January 20, 1988, SCB filed some of the information required in the Order including an incentive plan.

The Commission's initial Order stated that shortly after SCB filed its information, the Commission would issue a procedural schedule. This Order establishes the procedural schedule.

We have reviewed the filing of SCB and find that additional information will be required for us to fully analyze SCB's rates and charges and its proposed incentive plan. Therefore, the first step of the attached Appendix, setting out the procedural schedule, is issuance of information requests followed by SCB's responses. Soon after the first round of requests and responses, we believe a conference with all parties present is necessary in order to discuss any changes in the attached procedure which the parties feel would be beneficial.

The procedural schedule establishes the maximum time frames which the Commission considers acceptable. The Commission fully expects all parties to cooperate and stresses the need for such cooperation to achieve fair and reasonable overall results. In an effort to achieve this goal, the Commission has directed its staff to fully participate in all conferences and negotiations.

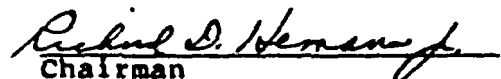
Should the results of the schedule of conferences and negotiations not produce a complete settlement of issues or should the Commission find the terms of the agreement unacceptable, the Commission has scheduled a hearing immediately following the negotiations. The necessity for this hearing will depend entirely upon the negotiations but could include testimony on all issues.

The Commission is, therefore, of the opinion and finds that the procedural schedule set out in Appendix A to this Order should be followed in the above styled case.

Be it so ORDERED.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of February, 1988.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN
CASE NO. 10105 DATED 2/22/88

Schedule of Events

Informational Request to Company due.....March 11, 1988

Company Responses to Information Request
and Company Testimony.....April 1, 1988

Informal Conference to Discuss Company's
Response to Commission Order Dated
December 16, 1987 and Information Requests....April 14, 1988

Second Informational Request Due.....April 25, 1988

Company Responses to Information
Request Due.....May 16, 1988

Intervenor's Testimony and Counter-
Proposals Due.....June 6, 1988

Informal Conference (Negotiations).....June 21, 1988

Hearings.....July 12, 1988

Issuance of Final Order.....September 6, 1988