

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF AMERICAN OPERATOR)
SERVICES, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE) CASE NO. 10130
INTRASTATE OPERATOR ASSISTANCE RESOLD)
TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES AS A)
NONDOMINANT CARRIER)

INTERIM ORDER

On January 13, 1988, American Operator Services, Inc. ("AOSI") filed an application, including a tariff, with the Commission seeking authority to provide operator-assisted, long-distance service within Kentucky.

On October 14, 1988, U.S. District Judge Harold Greene entered an Opinion and Order in United States of America v. Western Electric Company, Inc. (Civil Action No. 82-0192) in which all regional Bell Operating Companies ("BOCs") were ordered to mail ballots to premises owners where BOC-provided pay telephones are located. The court-ordered ballot allows premises owners to choose an interexchange carrier to handle interLATA¹ operator-assisted traffic originating from these pay telephones. AOSI is on the South Central Bell Telephone Company ("SCB") ballot and is one of numerous interexchange carriers that may be chosen to provide this service. AOSI is required to receive

¹ Local Access and Transport Area.

Commission authorization prior to April 1, 1989 before it can provide the intrastate portion of the provision of operator-assisted service from a BOC pay telephone.

Due to the above-mentioned time constraints, the Commission will consider in this Order only the portion of AOSI's application that seeks to allow it to provide operator-assisted service from BOC pay telephones.

An informal conference was held on October 4, 1988 in which all issues of the pending application were discussed. On October 20, 1988, AOSI filed comments on the October 12, 1988 informal conference memorandum. On November 14, 1988, the Commission issued an Order stating that AOSI's application may be considered without a formal public hearing and established a procedural schedule to develop a complete record by giving an opportunity to file comments or summaries of positions. Filing such comments were: AmeriCall Systems of Louisville on December 2, 1988; SCB on December 2, 1988; and AOSI filed reply comments on December 12, 1988.

The Commission, after considering the evidence of record and being sufficiently advised, is of the opinion and finds that it will grant AOSI authority to operate at this time, limited to BOC pay telephones, provided that it complies with the following conditions of service:

(1) Rates. The rates charged by AOSI shall be equal to or less than the maximum approved rates for AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc., a dominant carrier. These rates should be contained in AOSI's tariff.

(2) Validation of calling card calls. AOSI shall only accept calls made by calling cards for which validation of the calling card numbers is available to AOSI. Accordingly, unless AOSI has the capability of validating a credit card, it shall not complete the call.

(3) Access charges. AOSI shall report its actual Kentucky intrastate usage to its carrier who will in turn use this data to calculate and pay the appropriate access charges. In addition, AOSI shall file on a quarterly basis its intrastate usage reports with this Commission.

(4) Identification and customer confusion. AOSI operators shall clearly identify the company's name to all end-users.

The Commission finds that AOSI can furnish adequate, efficient, and reasonable service if the above-stated conditions of service are maintained. These mandatory conditions of service are the minimum required for the provision of operator-assisted service from a BOC pay telephone. AOSI shall file a tariff conforming to these conditions for this limited service no later than April 1, 1989.

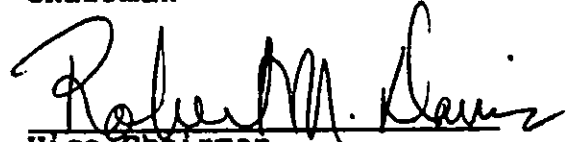
The Commission's Opinion and Order relating to the remaining authority requested in AOSI's application, and including additional conditions of service, will follow shortly.

' BE IT SO ORDERED.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of March, 1989.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director