

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED ADJUST-)
MENT IN COMMISSION RATES PAID) CASE NO. 10414
COIN TELEPHONE CUSTOMERS)

O R D E R

On September 20, 1988, the Commission received a letter from GTE South Incorporated ("GTE") seeking approval to change the rates for commissions paid to coin telephone customers. The Commission has considered that letter an application to adjust those commissions. On October 20, 1988, the Commission suspended the application for a change in commission rates paid to coin telephone customers to March 20, 1989.

With this application GTE seeks to comply with a Commission Order originated in Case No. 9498 in which GTE was required to "seek approval from the Commission prior to increasing the commission rates paid to its public coin telephone customers" in the future.¹

On December 1, 1988, the Commission issued an Order requesting GTE file certain information concerning its commissions. On

¹ Case No. 9498, Mr. Pay Phone of Kentucky, Inc., Mr. Pay Phone of Lexington, Inc., Berish and Associates, Inc., d/b/a Bluegrass Coin Telephone Company and Payphones Unlimited, Complainants vs. General Telephone of the Southeast, Defendant, May 8, 1987 Order, page 4.

December 14, 1988, GTE filed its responses to the information requests.

The Commission, having reviewed GTE's application and responses to the Commission information request, and being sufficiently advised, finds that GTE should be relieved from the Commission mandate of Case No. 9498 and not be required to apply for increases in commission rates paid to its coin telephone customers. The record in this case demonstrates that this requirement is not necessary because adequate competition exists in the coin telephone environment. Based on the above finding, the Commission makes no finding as to the reasonableness of the rates which appear in this application.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. GTE shall be relieved of the mandate in Case No. 9498 which had required it to apply for increases in commission rates paid to its coin telephone customers; and
2. This case is hereby dismissed.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of February, 1989.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director


Commissioner