

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

BALLARD RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE)
CORPORATION, INC. PROPOSED TARIFF)
FILING TO ESTABLISH NON-RECURRING) CASE NO. 89-160
CHARGES)

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation ("Ballard") shall file the original and 10 copies of the following information with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due no later than August 24, 1989. If the information cannot be provided by this date, you should submit a motion for an extension of time stating the reason a delay is necessary and include a date by which it will be furnished. Such a motion will be considered by the Commission.

1. Provide an absorption test showing that the additional net income generated by the tariff filing will not result in an increase in the rate of return (or other applicable valuation methods) to a level greater than that which was allowed in the most recent rate case.

2. Provide an affidavit of publication verifying that the proposed rate has been noticed in accordance with the provisions set out in 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(2) and (3).

3. With regard to the cost justification filed, provide the percentage of customers who pay and the cash collected within the first 10 days of the billing cycle.

4. Are bills for local service rendered in advance of the provision of service? If so:

a. Provide an explanation of how billing dates, due dates, and service provisions are related.

b. Is it not inconsistent to assess a late payment charge when service has not been rendered?

5. The application indicates that the proposed late payment charge will take effect 20 days after a bill is mailed, the same time a customer can be disconnected for nonpayment. Is this Ballard's intent, or do you plan for the late payment charge to be assessed 10 days after a bill is mailed?

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 7th day of August, 1989.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


for the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director