

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

TARIFF FILING OF AMERICALL SYSTEMS )  
OF LOUISVILLE TO REFLECT CHANGES )  
IN ITS RATE SCHEDULES FOR OPERATOR- ) CASE NO. 90-092  
ASSISTED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES )

O R D E R

On March 14, 1990, AmeriCall Systems of Louisville ("AmeriCall") filed revised tariff sheets with the Public Service Commission ("Commission") to reflect changes in its rates and rate structure for operator-assisted telecommunications services containing rate schedules for interLATA and intraLATA operator-assisted calls.

In Administrative Case No. 330,<sup>1</sup> the Commission determined that operator-assisted services are subject to rate regulation and set out restrictions and conditions under which operator-assisted services may be offered by non-local exchange carriers. AmeriCall is a party to that proceeding. One of the restrictions in Administrative Case No. 330 is that rates charged for operator-assisted services shall not exceed the maximum rates approved for AT&T in its most recent rate proceeding for measured toll service applicable to operator-assisted calls, as well as the additional charges for operator assistance. Time-of-day discounts are also applicable.

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<sup>1</sup> Administrative Case No. 330, Policy and Procedures in the Provision of Operator-Assisted Telecommunications Services.

The rates proposed by AmeriCall and contained on First Revised Sheet No. 6.3 are not consistent with the rate restrictions in the Commission's Orders in Administrative Case No. 330 in that the rates in various mileage bands exceed AT&T's maximum approved rates for those mileage bands. The issue of whether AT&T's rates are an appropriate ceiling in all circumstances is pending in Administrative Case No. 330. First Revised Sheet No. 6.3 should, therefore, be rejected.

First Revised Sheet No. 6.4 shows the time-of-day discounts to be applied to the rates contained on First Revised Sheet 6.3. Although the proposed discounts are acceptable under Administrative Case No. 330, their application is specific to the message toll rates rejected herein. Therefore, First Revised Sheet No. 6.4 should also be rejected at this time.

In Case No. 89-132,<sup>2</sup> the Commission entered an Order on January 8, 1990 which allowed AmeriCall to provide interLATA telecommunications services as a facilities-based carrier, including continuing to provide interLATA operator-assisted services. The proposed rates and operator charges contained on Original Sheets 6.6, 6.7, and 6.8 are designated as rates for interLATA operator-assisted calls and are consistent with the rate levels allowed by Administrative Case No. 330. Therefore, Original Sheets 6.6, 6.7, and 6.8 should be accepted on an interim basis pending further Orders in Administrative Case No. 330 and Case No. 89-132.

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<sup>2</sup> Case No. 89-132, The Provision of Operator Services by AmeriCall Systems of Louisville.

On April 3, 1990, AmeriCall filed an entirely new tariff designated P.S.C. No. 2 and on April 5, 1990, First Revised Sheet No. 7 to be substituted in the April 3, 1990 filing. The proposed effective date of this tariff is May 3, 1990 and it is therefore pending Commission review.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

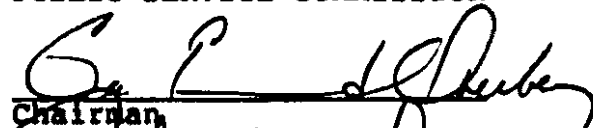
1. Proposed tariff sheets, First Revised Sheet 6.3 and First Revised Sheet 6.4 be and they are hereby rejected.

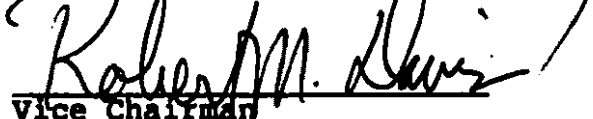
2. Proposed tariff sheets Original Sheet 6.6, 6.7 and 6.8 are hereby accepted for services rendered on and after the date of this Order, pending further Orders of the Commission in Administrative Case No. 330 and Case No. 89-132.

3. Within 10 days from the date of this Order, Second Revised Sheet No. 1, Check Sheet, shall be corrected to accurately reflect the tariff sheets accepted herein and the accepted tariff sheets shall be signed by an officer of AmeriCall and refiled with an effective date of April 13, 1990.

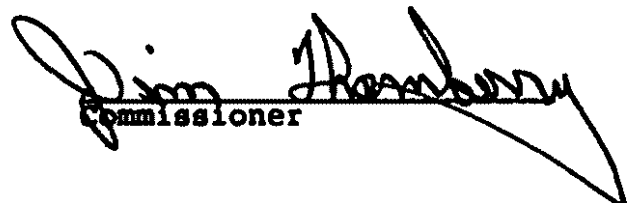
Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of April, 1990.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Commissioner

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Executive Director