

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION OF THE PROVISION OF)	
FOUR-PARTY SERVICE AND EIGHT-PARTY)	CASE NO.
SERVICE BY LESLIE COUNTY TELEPHONE)	91-172
COMPANY, INC.)	

O R D E R

This case having arisen by Commission Order dated May 30, 1991 to investigate the reasonableness of eliminating all four-party and eight-party service of Leslie County Telephone Company, Inc. ("Leslie County") in Kentucky.

In our Order, we required that Leslie County file information regarding its four-party and eight-party service in Kentucky including a detailed construction plan necessary to modernize and eliminate four-party and eight-party service, the earliest date by which such service may be eliminated, and the estimated impact on other local service rates as a result of eliminating four-party and eight-party service.

On June 30, 1991, Leslie County filed a response indicating that it has no eight-party service; however, it has four-party service including 237 residential customers and 3 business customers. Leslie County further indicated that it can eliminate four-party service in 1992 for the Hyden, Stinnett, and Wooten exchanges; 1993 for the Bledsoe and Buckhorn exchanges; and 1994 for the Canoe exchange. The projected construction cost for

elimination of four-party service in these exchanges is \$6,626,105. Leslie County states that the elimination of four-party service will have an impact on other local service rates through an estimated reduction of \$174,516 in local service revenues.

The Commission, having considered the response of Leslie County and being otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. Within 90 days of the date of this Order, Leslie County shall file detailed construction plans and specifications to modernize the six exchanges discussed in this Order to eliminate four-party service.

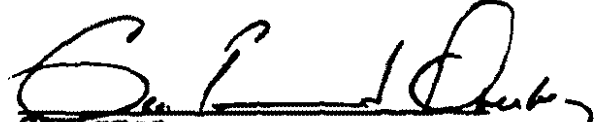
2. Subsequent to the beginning of construction, Leslie County shall file quarterly construction progress reports.

3. The construction ordered herein shall be completed no later than July 1, 1994. By July 1, 1994, there shall be no four-party or eight-party service in Leslie County's service area.

4. Leslie County shall file any application concerning rates that it deems necessary to enable it to accomplish the construction ordered herein in the time frame specified.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 5th day of September, 1991.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director