

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF SOUTH CENTRAL BELL)	
TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR CONFIDENTIAL)	
TREATMENT OF ITS FRANKFORT-EAST TO)	CASE NO. 91-227
FRANKFORT-MAIN INTEROFFICE FACILITY)	
PROJECT REVIEW PACKAGE)	

O R D E R

This matter arising upon motion of South Central Bell Telephone Company ("South Central Bell") filed September 9, 1991 for rehearing and reconsideration of the Commission's Order of August 28, 1991 denying confidential protection of information relating to capital improvements on the grounds that disclosure of the information is likely to cause South Central Bell competitive injury, and it appearing to this Commission as follows:

On June 18, 1991, South Central Bell sought to protect as confidential the total estimated costs of the equipment for capital improvements to be used in its Frankfort-East to Frankfort-Main Interoffice Facility Project Review Package and the forecast information contained in the project review package. By Order entered August 29, 1991, the Commission granted confidential protection for the forecast information but denied protection for the cost information. By this motion, South Central Bell requests the Commission to reconsider its denial of protection for the cost information and to grant such information the same protection granted the forecast information.

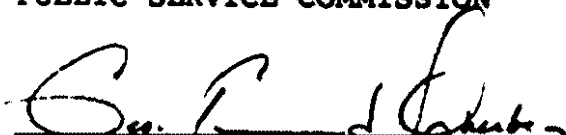
The information sought to be protected consists of estimated costs for the project. The actual costs will depend upon the prices charged for the equipment that is purchased by the vendor selected by South Central Bell. The selection will be from competitive bids submitted by the vendors. As in its original petition, the basis for the motion is the assumption by South Central Bell that if the vendors are aware of the total costs of the project, they will adjust their bids accordingly. This assumption was rejected by the Commission in the August 28, 1991 Order as being contrary to the logic and rationale upon which competitive bidding is based. The motion for reconsideration provides no new or additional reasons to support South Central Bell's assumption that were not provided in the original petition. Therefore, the motion for reconsideration should be denied.


This Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion to reconsider that portion of the August 28, 1991 Order denying confidential protection of the total cost estimates of the Frankfort-East to Frankfort-Main Interoffice Facility Project Review Package be and is hereby denied.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 30th day of September, 1991.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director