

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

SOUTH CENTRAL BELL TELEPHONE)
COMPANY'S PROPOSED VINTAGE ESSX AND) CASE NO. 91-164
DIGITAL ESSX TARIFF)

O R D E R

On May 24, 1991, South Central Bell Telephone Company ("South Central Bell") filed new and revised pages of the General Subscriber Services Tariff to modify the existing ESSX and Digital ESSX Tariffs. On June 18 and August 1, 1991, the Commission granted South Central Bell's requests for deviations from its filing requirements. On July 3, 1991, the proposed tariff was suspended for 5 months from July 24, 1991 up to and including December 23, 1991. On October 8, 1991, the Commission requested certain information about the filing. On October 28, 1991, South Central Bell filed a motion for an extension of time to respond to the Commission's October 8, 1991 Order. South Central Bell also proposed a three week waiver of the suspension period. On October 31, 1991, the request for an extension of time was granted and the waiver of the suspension period was accepted extending it to January 13, 1992. There were no intervenors and no hearing was held.

DISCUSSION

The proposed adjustments are required to improve the competitive position of ESSX Service and Digital ESSX Service by adding features not previously available, and by moving rates closer to the competitive market price. The modifications include the addition of new features, changes in tariff structure, and both increases and reductions in individual rate elements. With these changes ESSX and Digital ESSX Service offerings will better meet customers' needs, and allow South Central Bell to better respond to the competitive market.

The Commission has reviewed the cost and pricing information provided with the application and the responses to its data request and finds South Central Bell's proposed rates cover its direct costs. Therefore, the Commission finds that South Central Bell's proposed Vintage ESSX and Digital ESSX rates are reasonable and should be approved.

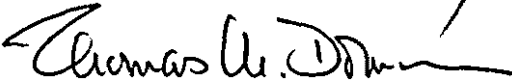
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

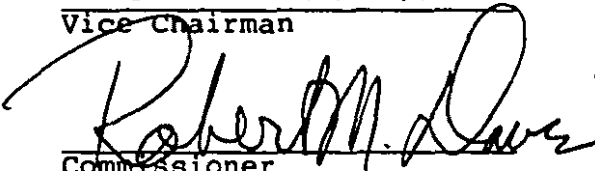
1. SCB's proposed revisions to its Vintage ESSX and Digital ESSX tariff are approved as filed for service rendered on and after the date of this Order.
2. Within 30 days from the date of this Order, SCB shall file its revised tariff sheets setting out the rates and charges approved herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of January, 1992.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director