

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF FILING OF SOUTH CENTRAL BELL)	
TELEPHONE COMPANY TO DISCONTINUE MOBILE)	CASE NO. 92-036
TELEPHONE SERVICES)	

O R D E R

On January 2, 1992, South Central Bell Telephone Company ("SCB") filed revisions to its General Subscriber Services tariff, Section 117, page 1, effective February 2, 1992, which propose to discontinue mobile telephone service on and after June 2, 1992. SCB requests approval for discontinuance of mobile telephone service citing a projected 1991 revenue to cost ratio of .121 which it attributes to a declining customer base since the advent of cellular telephone service. Mobile telephone service currently is restricted to SCB's existing customers prior to April 8, 1991.

Notice to the public of the proposed revision was given pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8. Mobile telephone subscribers were notified individually, by letter, of the proposed tariff revision. After receiving notice of the proposed discontinuance of mobile telephone service, Dr. Michael J. Malloy, Buddy Adams, Bruce Blue, James T. Boone, and Huston Moody filed objections with the Commission and were granted intervention in this proceeding. The proposed tariff filing was suspended until July 1, 1992 pending an investigation of its proposed reasonableness.

On March 17, 1992, an informal conference was held pursuant to Order of the Commission for the purpose of discussing alternatives for resolution of this proceeding. Intervenors were given notice of the informal conference; however, no intervenors were present. SCB agreed to contact those individuals who had filed objections to the tariff filing to determine whether their individual complaints could be resolved informally.

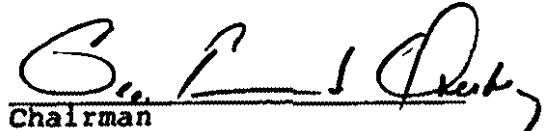
Prior to the informal conference, Intervenor Dr. Michael J. Malloy requested permission to withdraw as an intervenor which was granted by Commission Order dated March 17, 1992. Subsequent to the informal conference, intervenors Buddy Adams, Bruce Blue, James T. Boone, and Huston Moody requested that their complaints be withdrawn, which was granted by Commission Order dated April 24, 1992.

The Commission hereby finds from the record in this proceeding that SCB's revisions to its general subscriber services tariff discontinuing mobile telephone service should be approved since the revenues derived from the provision of this service do not sustain its costs. The Commission further finds that intervenors' objections to this tariff revision have been withdrawn and that cellular telephone service is an available alternative for mobile telephone subscribers.

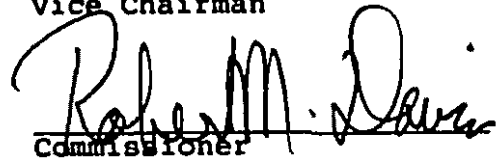
The Commission, having considered SCB's January 22, 1992 tariff filing wherein mobile telephone service will be discontinued on and after June 2, 1992 and being otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the tariff revision is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 6th day of May, 1992.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director