### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

TIFFANY BLUNK

COMPLAINANT

vs.

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SOUTH CENTRAL BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

DEFENDANT

## CASE NO. 93-032

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### ORDER

On January 26, 1993, Tiffany Blunk filed a formal complaint against South Central Bell Telephone Company ("South Central Bell"). In her complaint, Ms. Blunk alleges that South Central Bell has unfairly terminated service to her residence on two different occasions and charged her reconnection fees. Ms. Blunk requests as her relief that the Commission award her damages in the amount of \$100,000 for pain and suffering caused by the alleged unjust treatment of her by South Central Bell.

The Commission possesses no power to adjudicate claims for damages. <u>Carr v. Cincinnati Bell, Inc.</u>, Ky. App., 651 S.W.2d 126 (1983). Hence, since Ms. Blunk solely seeks damages as her requested relief, the complaint falls under the exclusive jurisdiction of a court of law. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Ms. Blunk's complaint seeking damages in the amount of \$100,000 is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

2. Nothing contained in this Order shall prevent Ms. Blunk from filing a complaint at a later date against South Central Bell concerning its rates or service, requesting relief for any fees alleged to be improperly charged, or any other relief to which she may be entitled, in accordance with Commission statutes and regulations.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 8th day of March, 1993.

# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director