

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT)	
OF INFORMATION FILED WITH SOUTH)	
CENTRAL BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S)	CASE NO. 93-299
PROPOSED TARIFF REVISION FOR)	
UNIFORM ACCESS NUMBER SERVICES)	

O R D E R

This matter arising upon petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a South Central Bell Telephone Company ("South Central Bell") filed August 24, 1993 pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, for confidential protection of the revenue and cost support information developed in connection with its proposed tariff revision for uniform access number services 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:

South Central Bell has filed a revised tariff which extends its existing uniform access number service from a "local area" calling service to a "LATA-wide" calling service. The extension allows the customer to obtain the same seven digit telephone number throughout a specified LATA within the BellSouth region. By this petition, South Central Bell seeks to protect as confidential the revenue and cost data developed in support of the proposed service.

The information sought to be protected is not known outside of South Central Bell and is disseminated within South Central Bell to

only those employees having a legitimate business need to know and act upon the information. South Central Bell seeks to preserve and protect the confidentiality of this information through all appropriate means.

KRS 61.872(1) requires information filed with the Commission to be available for public inspection unless specifically exempted by statute. Exemptions from this requirement are provided in KRS 61.878(1). That section of the statute exempts 11 categories of information. One category exempted in subparagraph (c) of that section is commercial information confidentially disclosed to the Commission. To qualify for that exemption, it must be established that disclosure of the information is likely to cause substantial competitive harm to the party from whom the information was obtained. To satisfy this test, the party claiming confidentiality must demonstrate actual competition and a likelihood of substantial competitive injury if the information is disclosed. Competitive injury occurs when disclosure of the information gives competitors an unfair business advantage.

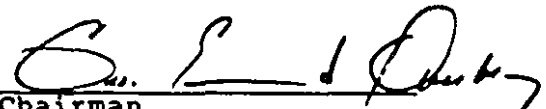
South Central Bell in providing uniform access service numbers competes with 800 service provided by interexchange carriers. The filing provides regular and demand cost information for the service which competitors could use in marketing their own services. Therefore, the information has competitive value and should be protected as confidential.

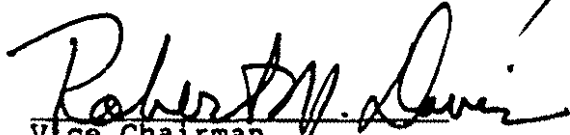
This Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised,

IT IS ORDERED that the revenue and cost information developed in connection with the revised tariff for uniform access number service, with South Central Bell's petition that it be withheld from public disclosure, shall be held and retained by this Commission as confidential and shall not be open for public inspection.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 20th day of October, 1993.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director