

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULES AND RELATED )  
FILINGS CONCERNING INTRALATA EQUAL ) ADMINISTRATIVE  
ACCESS COMPETITION ) CASE NO. 354  
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O R D E R

In its December 29, 1994 Order in Administrative Case No. 323, the Commission ordered implementation of intraLATA equal access on an end office basis beginning July 1995 and ending June 1998. The Commission also ordered concurrent implementation of interLATA and intraLATA equal access, where interLATA equal access has not been implemented.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, GTE South Incorporated ("GTE South") was ordered to file quarterly reports of the progress of AG Communications System ("AGCS"), its switch vendor, in developing intraLATA equal access software. Finally, on March 1, 1995, the Commission ordered all filings required by its December 29, 1994 Order in Administrative Case No. 323 to be filed in this proceeding. This Order addresses two matters.

On September 15, 1995, Salem Telephone Company ("Salem") requested a waiver of the simultaneous implementation of equal access as set forth in Administrative Case No. 323. Salem also

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<sup>1</sup> Administrative Case No. 323, An Inquiry Into IntraLATA Toll Competition, An Appropriate Compensation Scheme For Completion Of IntraLATA Calls By Interexchange Carriers, And WATS Jurisdictionality; Order of December 29, 1994.

requested leave to begin immediate implementation of interLATA equal access.

Salem contends it cannot implement interLATA and intraLATA equal access concurrently at this time due to software and hardware limitations in the digital switch located in its central office. It can, however, implement interLATA equal access at this time without additional investment in plant or equipment; and, it assures the Commission that it will implement intraLATA equal access by the Commission's 1998 deadline. Furthermore, Salem has received requests for equal access implementation. Salem's request is adequately supported.

On January 5, 1996, GTE South filed its fourth quarterly report and asked to be relieved of its obligation to file additional reports. GTE asserts that intraLATA equal access software has been tested and approved and is now available from AGCS. GTE South does not have additional information to report to the Commission regarding the software in question.

The Commission, having reviewed the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that Salem's requests and GTE South's request should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Salem's request for a waiver of the concurrent implementation requirement is granted.

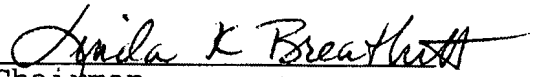
2. Salem's request for leave to begin immediate implementation of interLATA equal access is granted.

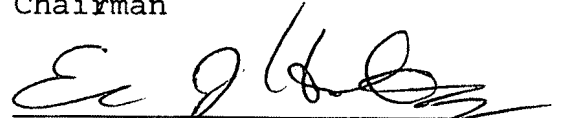
3. Salem shall fully implement intraLATA equal access by the Commission's deadline of June 1998.

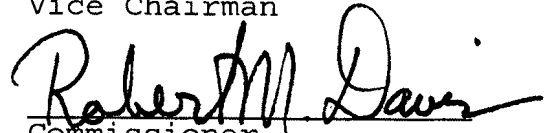
4. GTE South is relieved of its obligation to file quarterly reports with the Commission advising it of AGCS's progress in the development of intraLATA equal access software.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 1st day of February, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director