COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION	OF MOUNTAIN RURAL TELEPHONE)
COOPERATIVE	CORPORATION, INC. TO CHANGE) CASE NO. 95-499
	SUBSCRIBER SERVICES TARIFF)

<u>order</u>

On November 6, 1995, Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("Mountain") filed an application to change its General Subscriber Service Tariff to increase to \$20.00 its charge for returned check processing and to establish a \$5.00 charge for changing a subscriber's primary interexchange carrier. The Commission, by letter dated November 17, 1995 from its Executive Director, notified Mountain that its application contained six deficiencies and the statutory time for Commission review would not commence until the deficiencies were cured. On January 23, 1996, Mountain cured four of the deficiencies; requested a waiver, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011, Section 14, of the other two: 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10(1)(e) and Section 10(2); and requested to withdraw its primary interexchange carrier charge.

Based on the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds good cause to grant the requested waiver and to allow withdrawal of the primary interexchange carrier charge. Further, the increase to \$20.00 in the returned check charge is justified by Mountain's cost study and should also be approved. The Commission notes, however, that Mountain has not filed proof of its customer notice regarding this increased charge. Consequently, the increase should not be effective until verification of customer notice is filed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

Mountain's request for a waiver of 807 KAR 5:011, Section
10(1)(e) and Section 10(2), is granted.

2. Mountain's request to withdraw its primary interchange carrier charge is granted.

3. Mountain's returned check charge of \$20.00 is approved for service effective on and after the date of verification of customer notice.

4. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Mountain shall file verification of the content and date of its customer notice and shall file revised tariff sheets reflecting the charge approved herein bearing an effective date coincident with the verification of its customer notice.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 6th day of March, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Executive Director