

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S)
FILING OF A PROPOSED TARIFF TO PLACE)
CONSTRAINTS ON THE NUMBER OF) CASE NO. 96-494
RESIDENCE SERVICE LINES SUBSCRIBED AT)
A PRIVATE RESIDENCE LOCATION)

O R D E R

On September 23, 1996, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") filed tariff revisions to place limits on the number of resident service lines that residential subscribers could have at their private residence location. On October 28, 1996, the Commission received a letter from Marshal Goodnight objecting to the proposed tariff. On March 3, 1997, BellSouth was ordered to respond to a data request and Mr. Goodnight was asked to supply any additional comments and to request a public hearing at that time, if desired. No hearing has been requested pursuant to the March 3 Order.

The proposed tariff revisions would limit the number of resident service lines to 10 lines per private residence location with a maximum of three of those lines in a rotary or hunting arrangement for residence locations. Persons requiring more than 10 lines or requiring more than three lines in a hunting arrangement at a residential location must pay business service rates.

In 1993, BellSouth relaxed the application of residence service rates to meet the changing needs of its customers. The current tariff allows residential subscribers to

order as many residence service lines per residence location as long as they do not require business listings. The modifications in 1993 were believed to be the basis for making distinctions between residential and business service that could be verified easily. It was not intended to allow large multiple-line computer bulletin boards, Internet services or other multiple-line business operations to function under the guise of a residential service. BellSouth currently has 15 residential subscribers in Kentucky with 10 or more lines, clouding the distinction between residential and business service. In addition, this excessive number of lines in a residential location may burden the originally designed installation requirements for a given location or subdivision, thus requiring additional facilities to meet all subscriber needs. For these reasons, BellSouth has proposed changes to its tariff as described above and a new tariff section for special construction charges for multiple lines terminated at private residence locations which is applicable when more than five lines are at a residence location. Subsequent moves to new locations require reversion to the criteria set forth in this proposed tariff. Subscribers' existing service at the date of this Order shall be grandfathered. Since Marshal Goodnight is an existing customer, his existing lines will remain unchanged at his current location. Additional lines ordered after this Order will need to meet the criteria of this tariff, including applicable service charges.

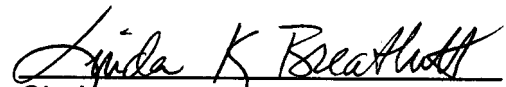
The Commission, having reviewed the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. The proposed tariff filed by BellSouth to place restrictions on the number of residential lines placed at a residence location be approved, without modification, on the date of this Order.

2. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, BellSouth shall file its tariff with the approved effective date incorporated.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 24th day of March, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director