

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DEVIATION FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS)	
OF 807 KAR 5:011, SECTION 10, IN REGARD TO)	
CREATION OF A NON-RECURRING CHARGE BY)	CASE NO. 98-496
BALLARD RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE)	
CORPORATION)	

O R D E R

On August 28, 1998, Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("Ballard") filed an original and ten copies of proposed revisions to its General Subscriber Services Tariff. The filing increases the non-recurring charge for directory assistance calls from zero to \$.30 per call. The increase is necessary to recover the \$.30 per directory assistance call charged by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"). Ballard states it is inequitable to require all cooperative members to bear the cost when many members do not make such calls. Ballard states it has provided written notice to its members of the proposed rate increase pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8, informing the members of their right to request intervention, and has filed a copy of the notice. Ballard also has filed documentation of the need for the increase, including a letter from BellSouth informing Ballard of the \$.30 charge for directory assistance calls. To date, no requests to intervene have been received.

Ballard requests deviation from 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10, which prescribes filing requirements pertaining to non-recurring charges. The Commission will treat Ballard's request as a motion pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011, Section 14. The Commission finds that Ballard's tariff filing is reasonable in that it will place the burden for expenses

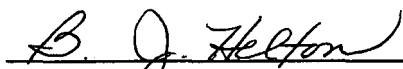
for directory assistance calls upon those cooperative members who make them. The Commission also finds that the documentation of the need for the charge filed on August 28, 1998 is sufficient and that the requested deviation should be granted.


The Commission having reviewed the record and having been sufficiently advised, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

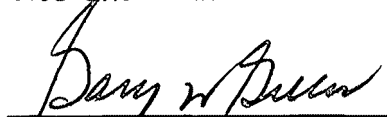
1. Ballard's motion for deviation from additional filing requirements prescribed in 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10, is granted.
2. Ballard's proposed revision to Section M, Sheet 2 of its General Subscriber Services Tariff is hereby approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of September, 1998.

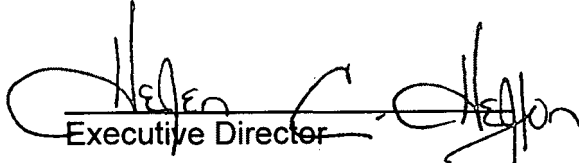
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ATTEST:


Executive Director