

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE PETITION OF SOUTH CENTRAL RURAL )  
TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, )  
INC. FOR DEVIATION FROM 807 KAR 5:011, ) CASE NO. 2000-018  
SECTION 10(1)(C) AND (e) )

ORDER

On December 15, 1999, South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("South Central") filed revisions to its General Subscriber Services Tariff. The purposes of the filing are to introduce several new service features, clarify the terms under which several current features are offered, introduce a late payment charge, and make changes in text and organization to facilitate the company's ability to update its service tariff in the future. South Central has requested permission to deviate from the requirements of 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10(1)(c) and (e).

807 KAR 5:011, Section 10, relates to nonrecurring charges and permits a utility to seek a rate revision for a nonrecurring charge outside a general rate proceeding. 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10(1)(c), requires the submission of a detailed statement explaining why the proposed change could not have been included in the most previous general rate case or deferred until the next general rate request. South Central's last rate case was over 15 years ago and it has no plans to file for a general rate case in the foreseeable future. 807 KAR 5:011, Section 10(1)(e), requires the utility to submit its income statement and balance sheet for a recent 12-month period. South Central has filed this information as part of its annual and quarterly reports.

Having reviewed the filing and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that the information filed is sufficient to enable the Commission to adequately review South Central's filing. Therefore, the deviation should be granted.

In accordance with 807 KAR 5:011 Section 8, South Central provided to its customers, on or about December 15, 1999, notice of the proposed late payment charge. It will not begin applying the assessment of any late payment charges until its February billing cycle.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that South Central's tariff is approved, effective January 15, 2000, but South Central shall not begin applying late payment charges until its February billing cycle.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director