

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSIGNMENT) ADMINISTRATIVE
OF ABBREVIATED N11 DIALING CODES) CASE NO. 343

O R D E R

On November 5, 1993, after investigation, the Commission determined that the allocation of N11 dialing codes was not in the best interests of Kentucky telephone users or information service providers. The Commission found that N11 was a scarce public resource that should not be allocated to private enterprises but should be used for the delivery of critical services to the public. Moreover, the Commission determined that its mandate should not be construed as authorization for local exchange carriers to offer N11 dialing codes as a tariffed service.

Pursuant to an April 13, 1995 request by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet ("Transportation Cabinet"), the Commission found that the intended use by the Transportation Cabinet of a 3-digit dialing code for traffic routing in the northern Kentucky area was in the best interest of Kentucky. The Commission also found that the Transportation Cabinet's use of the 3-digit dialing code should be strictly limited to its public service project, and approved that project. On October 30, 2000, the Commission granted the Transportation Cabinet's petition requesting permanent assignment of the 511 dialing code for statewide traffic routing and information.

In its Third Report and Order on Reconsideration (FCC Docket No. 92-105), the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") assigned the 511 dialing code for

traveler information. The FCC also assigned the 211 dialing code for access to community information and referral services and the 711 dialing code for telecommunications relay service ("TRS"). Accordingly, the Commission finds it should revisit its prior determinations regarding the allocation of the N11 dialing codes.

On December 11, 2000, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") filed a proposed tariff regarding the 211, 511, and 711 dialing codes. BellSouth proposed that the tariff become effective on or after January 11, 2001. The Commission finds that, pursuant to KRS 278.190, further investigation of all provisions of the tariff except for those related to 711 is needed to determine their reasonableness. However, those portions relating to the 711 dialing code are reasonable and should immediately be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The Commission reopens this investigation to consider the best interests of Kentuckians regarding the allocation of the N11 dialing codes.
2. Portions of the proposed tariff filing of BellSouth are suspended for 5 months from January 11, 2001 up to and including June 10, 2001.
3. BellSouth's proposed tariff regarding the 711 dialing code for TRS, including section A13.80.1, A13.80.2, and A13.80.3, is approved.
4. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, BellSouth shall refile those portions of its tariff regarding the 711 dialing code with an effective date of January 11, 2001.

5. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering a final decision regarding the BellSouth tariff discussed herein prior to the termination of the suspension period.

6. An informal conference is scheduled for February 21, 2001 at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 11th day of January, 2001.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director