

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

J.C. INVESTORS, INC.)	
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COMPLAINANT)	
)	
v.)	CASE NO. 2003-00067
)	
WEST KENTUCKY RURAL TELEPHONE)	
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC.)	
)	
DEFENDANT)	

O R D E R

On February 10, 2003, Joe Conway, on behalf of J.C Investors, Inc. (JCI) filed a formal complaint against West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. (WKRTCC) alleging that WKRTCC had improperly calculated the amount of a refund due him and alleging other billing improprieties. On March 3, 2003, the Commission issued an Order rejecting JCI s complaint and ordering JCI to retain an attorney to file an amended complaint and to represent JCI before the Commission.

On March 14, 2003, Mr. Conway, on behalf of JCI, filed a motion for an extension of 14 days time in which to retain counsel. Mr. Conway did not state why he needed the additional time.

The Commission finds that Mr. Conway s motion for an extension of time should be denied and that JCI should be dismissed as a party to this case. However, the Commission, on its own motion and pursuant to KRS 278.260(1), will conduct its own investigation regarding the allegations of inappropriate billing and improperly calculated

refunds. The Commission finds that sufficient issues exist regarding WKRTCC's provision of service to JCI to warrant the investigation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. JCI's motion for extension of time is denied.
2. JCI is dismissed as a party to this case.
3. An investigation into WKRTCC's alleged inappropriate billing and improperly calculated refunds is established.
4. WKRTCC shall not terminate JCI's telephone service during this proceeding, provided that JCI begins to pay its bill for local telephone service.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 31st day of March, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director