

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF ALLTEL KENTUCKY FOR AN ) CASE NO.  
INCREASE IN RATES ) 2004-00193

O R D E R

On December 13, 2004, ALLTEL Kentucky filed comments in response to the Commission's November 22, 2004 procedural Order. In these comments regarding ALLTEL Kentucky's proposed rate increase pursuant to KRS 278.516, ALLTEL Kentucky requests a hearing in this matter to introduce evidence to substantiate the comments filed. The Commission finds that the procedures proposed by ALLTEL Kentucky should be implemented. ALLTEL Kentucky indicated its willingness to withdraw the tariff, which has been suspended until January 6, 2005. In the alternative, ALLTEL Kentucky indicated that the Commission may consider the tariff to be indefinitely suspended. Because the tariff has an effective date, the option proposed by ALLTEL Kentucky of indefinite suspension is not viable.

Thus, regarding the tariff, the Commission finds that ALLTEL Kentucky has the following options. It may either change the effective date to accommodate a public hearing to be held after March 5, 2005, or it may refile the tariff with no effective date. ALLTEL Kentucky shall notify the Commission in writing, within 10 days of the date of this Order, which of these options it has selected. Along with this notification, ALLTEL Kentucky shall file a proposed tariff with either a new date or no date.

Moreover, the Commission finds that a hearing, as requested by ALLTEL Kentucky, is in the best interest of the public. Such hearing will be set in the near future. Prefiled direct testimony supporting ALLTEL Kentucky's positions in this proceeding shall be filed by February 15, 2005.

In light of the decisions contained herein, the proposed tariff filed by ALLTEL Kentucky on April 23, 2004, which was thereafter suspended by this Commission, shall not be placed into effect.

BE IT SO ORDERED.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005.

By the Commission

Commissioner W. Gregory Coker did not participate in the deliberations or decision concerning this case.

ATTEST:

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Executive Director