

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION OF THE PROVISION OF)
FOUR-PARTY SERVICE AND EIGHT-PARTY) CASE NO. 91-169
SERVICE BY GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED)

O R D E R

This case having arisen by Commission Order dated May 30, 1991 to investigate the reasonableness of eliminating all four-party and eight-party service of GTE South Incorporated ("GTE South") in Kentucky.

In our Order, we required that GTE South file information regarding its four-party and eight-party service in Kentucky including a detailed construction plan necessary to modernize and eliminate four-party and eight-party service, the earliest date by which such service may be eliminated, and the estimated impact on other local service rates as a result of eliminating four-party and eight-party service.

On July 29, 1991, GTE South filed a response indicating that it has 160 eight-party customers and 1,223 four-party customers in 23 exchanges of its service area. GTE South further indicated that it can eliminate eight-party service by the end of 1991 and can eliminate four-party service within six months of Commission approval except for one route in western Kentucky. The regrades of four-party and eight-party customers can be accomplished at an estimated capital cost of \$1,056,552. GTE South does not

anticipate that these costs will necessitate changes in other local service rates.

The Commission, having considered the response of GTE South and being otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. Within 90 days of the date of this Order, GTE South shall file detailed construction plans and specifications to modernize the 23 exchanges which have four-party and eight-party service.

2. Subsequent to the beginning of construction, GTE South shall file quarterly construction progress reports.

3. The construction ordered herein shall be completed no later than January 1, 1993. By January 1, 1993, there shall be no four-party or eight-party service in GTE South's service area.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 5th day of September, 1991.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director