

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

MRS. BEULAH BEAM, MRS. JUANITA SMITH, )  
AND OTHER BULLITT COUNTY CONSUMERS )  
VS. )  
SOUTH CENTRAL BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY )  
534 ARMORY PLACE )  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40202 ) CASE NO. 6882  
AND )  
ECHO TELEPHONE COMPANY )  
1009 BUCKMAN STREET )  
SHEPHERDSVILLE, KENTUCKY )

O R D E R

On February 7, 1980, the Commission issued its Order in the above-styled Case, directing South Central Bell Telephone Company (Bell) and Echo Telephone Company (Echo) to update cost studies previously performed in Case No. 5851. These cost studies dealt with the provision of extended area telephone service (EAS) within Bullitt County and between Bullitt County and Louisville.

By Motion filed February 19, 1980, Bell requested, among other things, an extension of time to perform the cost studies and a clarification of the EAS routes which should be studied. By Motion filed February 25, 1980, Echo also requested an extension of time to perform and file the required cost studies and proposed forms of survey. Further, Petitioners by Motions filed February 26, 1980, and February 27, 1980, agreed to an extension of time to perform and file the necessary cost studies and forms of survey. Petitioners further requested a public hearing concerning the conclusions of the cost studies, the proposed survey, the sample to be surveyed, and the method of survey. Petitioners further stated their desire that the EAS routes under consideration include all routes between the Louisville exchange and all Bullitt County exchanges and all Intra-Bullitt County exchanges between themselves.

The Commission, after consideration of these various Motions, and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

- 1) An extension of time to perform the necessary cost studies and to develop and file the forms of survey and letters of explanation should be allowed, since the factors involved have changed considerably from the time of the original studies in Case No. 5851;

2) After the cost studies, forms of survey, and letters of explanation have been submitted, a conference of interested parties, including representatives of Petitioners, Bell, Echo, and Commission staff should be held to agree on the format of the survey, the form of the survey, and letter of explanation which will be sent to each surveyed subscriber;

3) The traffic routes to be surveyed should include all routes between the Louisville exchange and all Bullitt County exchanges which do not presently have EAS with the Louisville exchange, and all Intra-Bullitt County exchanges which do not presently have EAS between themselves.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that by May 7, 1980, South Central Bell Telephone Company and Echo Telephone Company shall file with the Commission cost studies which indicate the absolute minimum additional costs to affected Bullitt County and Louisville subscribers for providing extended area telephone service (EAS) between the Louisville exchange and all Bullitt County exchanges which do not presently have EAS with the Louisville exchange, and all Intra-Bullitt exchanges which do not presently have EAS between those exchanges.

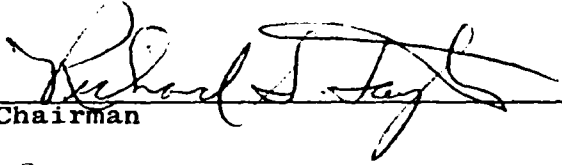
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by May 7, 1980, South Central Bell and Echo shall file with the Commission proposed forms of survey and letters of explanation to be used to survey the affected subscribers.

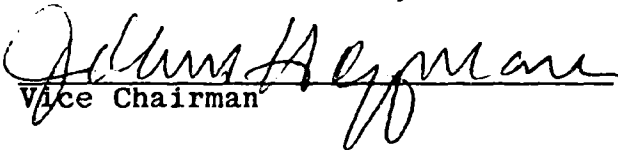
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon submission of the required cost studies, proposed forms of survey and proposed letters of explanation, a conference of parties of interest, including representatives of Petitioners, South Central Bell, Echo, and Commission staff shall be held to agree on the format of the survey, the form of the survey, and the letter of explanation which will be sent to each surveyed subscriber.

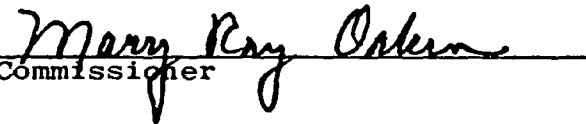
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as soon as possible after the conference, a date certain will be set by Order to mail the forms of survey and letters of explanation.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of March, 1980.

UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Secretary