

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

PETITION OF RESIDENTS OF FINCHVILLE,)
KENTUCKY, REQUESTING A SURVEY TO)
DETERMINE THE NEED FOR EXTENDED) CASE NO. 7424
AREA TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN)
FINCHVILLE AND LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY)

O R D E R

By Order entered October 31, 1980, in Administrative Case No. 221, the Commission adopted guidelines for the handling of Extended Area Telephone Service (EAS) requests. Having considered these guidelines within the context of this matter (Case No. 7424), and being advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

(1) Steps (1) and (3) of the guidelines have basically been accomplished, in that South Central Bell Telephone Company has had an opportunity to respond to the EAS request, and toll traffic studies have been conducted and filed with the Commission;

(2) Step (2), which is a petition-gathering process in both the desiring and desired exchanges, has not been accomplished, but it would unduly penalize the petitioners to require that step to be accomplished at this point;

(3) A public hearing should be held, in accordance with Step (4) of the guidelines. At that time, petitioners should have the opportunity to demonstrate to the Commission why this matter should be pursued, in view of the low calling activity from the desired to the desiring exchange as indicated by the toll traffic studies.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That a hearing be and it hereby is scheduled on December 17, 1980, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky, at which time petitioners will have the opportunity to demonstrate to the Commission why this matter should be pursued, within the context of the EAS guidelines previously approved by the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That South Central Bell Telephone Company shall appear at the hearing and offer testimony with respect to the toll traffic study results and respond to questions which may be raised relative to this matter.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 25th day of November, 1980.

UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

For the Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary