

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THE CUSTOMER ACCESS UNIT TARIFF)
FILING OF SOUTH CENTRAL BELL)
TELEPHONE COMPANY) CASE NO. 7716

O R D E R

On January 4, 1980, South Central Bell Telephone Company, (the Company) made a tariff filing with the Commission, wherein it proposed to reduce monthly rates associated with its Customer Access Unit (CAU) service offering.

CAU is used in conjunction with the HORIZON communication system. It allows the customer to activate or rearrange system operating characteristics without service assistance from South Central Bell personnel. CAU was originally proposed October 3, 1979, and present monthly rates were effective October 23, 1978.

On February 4, 1980, the Commission issued an Order suspending the tariff filing for a period of five (5) months in order that an investigation and hearing into the reasonableness of the proposed monthly rate reductions could be completed.

On February 27, 1980, a hearing in the matter was held at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky. No intervenors were present at the hearing.

1. That since the original offering of CAU in October, 1978, no units have been leased. Therefore, approval of reduced CAU monthly rates would not affect Company revenues.

2. That both the October, 1978 and January, 1980, CAU cost documentation required by the Commission evidence positive contribution to the Company, albeit at different levels of contribution.

3. That approval of the proposed monthly rate reductions would afford the Company better opportunity to market CAU, and thus ultimately benefit basic local exchange service subscribers.

4. That the proposed reductions in CAU monthly rates are fair, just, reasonable, in the public interest, and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the proposed reductions in CAU monthly rates are hereby approved, effective on and after the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, South Central Bell shall file revised tariff sheets with the Commission stating the rates herein approved and contained in Appendix A.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10th day of June, 1980.

UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

APPENDIX "A"

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE UTILITY REGULATORY
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 7716 DATED JUNE 10, 1980

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by South Central Bell Telephone Company in Kentucky. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of the Commission prior to the date of this Order.

GENERAL SUBSCRIBER SERVICES TARIFF

A22. HORIZON COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

A22.4 Rates and Charges

E. Rate Schedule

1. Two-Tier Payment Plan

| | <u>Two-Tier Rates</u> | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------|---------------|
| | <u>Monthly Rates</u> | | | |
| | <u>Tier A</u> | | | <u>Tier B</u> |
| <u>36 Months</u> | <u>60 Months</u> | <u>84 Months</u> | | |
| Customer Access Unit, each | 48.50 | 32.00 | 25.50 | 18.75 |

2. Companion Payment Plan

| | <u>Companion Rates</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| | <u>Monthly Rate</u> |
| Customer Access Unit, each | 93.00 |