

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

NOTICE OF SOUTH CENTRAL BELL)
TELEPHONE COMPANY OF AN) CASE NO. 7774
ADJUSTMENT IN ITS INTRASTATE)
RATES AND CHARGES)

Amended Order

On September 2, 1980, the Commission issued an Order authorizing South Central Bell Telephone Company an adjustment in its intrastate rates and charges. The Order also addressed the matter of service charges, in part requiring South Central Bell to file regulations providing for installment payment of service charges.

Thereafter, on October 2, 1980, South Central Bell made a tariff filing with the Commission, wherein it proposed a revised general regulation governing the payment of service charges. The proposed regulation stated:

"Except as otherwise stated in the tariff, the subscriber shall pay monthly in advance or on demand all charges for service and equipment and shall pay on demand all charges for long distance service. The subscriber is responsible for payment of all charges for services furnished the subscriber, including charges for services originated or charges accepted at the subscriber's station. Service charges in A4 which are applicable to new residence service connections or transfers to a different residence may, if the customer chooses, be paid in two equal installments."

Upon review of its Order and consideration of the proposed regulation, the Commission believes that the requirements made of South Central Bell concerning service charges should be amended. The Commission maintains its position that subscribers should be afforded the opportunity to pay service charges in at least two equal installments. However, the Commission is now of the opinion and finds that this opportunity should be restricted to new residential connections or transfers to a different residence, as provided in the proposed regulation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that South Central Bell's tariff filing establishing revised regulations governing the payment of service charges be and it hereby is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the proposed regulation shall be effective from October 2, 1980, as required in the Commission's Order dated September 2, 1980.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 12th day of November, 1980.

UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary