

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

LESLIE COUNTY TELEPHONE)
COMPANY TARIFF FILING TO)
INCREASE MISCELLANEOUS) CASE NO. 8278
SERVICE CHARGES)

O R D E R

On December 31, 1980, Leslie County Telephone Company ("Leslie County") made a tariff filing with the Commission wherein Leslie County proposed to increase miscellaneous service charges. The proposed rates would yield gross annual revenues in the amount of \$51,775, a revenue increase of \$36,134 over the normalized test-period.

The Commission staff requested additional information which has been filed and made a part of the record herein. The entire matter is now considered to be submitted for final determination.

The Commission, having considered the matter and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

(1) A hearing is not in the public interest, inasmuch as costs incurred during the hearing process would increase Leslie County's operating expenses and ultimately result in higher rates for its customers;

(2) Cost documentation furnished to the Commission indicates that Leslie County's proposed rates for miscellaneous service charges do not recover associated expenses; however, they will provide some rate relief. This rate relief will benefit Leslie County's existing customers by aiding its financial position and thus lessening the need for a general rate increase;

(3) The proposed rates for miscellaneous service charges will not cause an increase in charges to existing customers;

(4) The proposed rates for miscellaneous service charges are fair, just and reasonable, and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

(1) Leslie County's proposed rates for miscellaneous service charges are hereby approved, effective on and after the date of this Order;

(2) Leslie County shall file revised tariff sheets with the Commission stating the rates herein approved and prescribed in Appendix A within 30 days;

(3) To insure that all customers have the opportunity to express an opinion with respect to the rates approved herein, Leslie County, within ten days of the date of this Order, shall begin publishing once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the community or communities in which the customers reside, a notice setting forth the approved rates. Said notice shall also contain the following language:

After analyzing the information set forth in the application, the Commission has determined that the approved rates are required to enable Leslie County Telephone Company to meet its operating expenses and to continue to provide adequate service and, further, that the holding of a hearing in this matter would not be in the public interest as it

would place additional costs on the utility and ultimately the ratepayer. However, if any customer desires to make a statement concerning the approved rates or request a hearing in this matter at the Commission's offices in Frankfort, Kentucky, he/she may do so by mailing the statement or request by August 15, 1981, to the Public Service Commission, P. O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. A copy of the information should also be provided to the Attorney General's Consumer Intervention Division.

(4) Leslie County shall file with the Commission (with a copy to the Attorney General's Consumer Intervention Division) proof of said publication.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this the day 16th day of July, 1981.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Merlin M. Cook
Chairman

Kathleen Randall
Vice Chairman

Don Harman
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 8278 DATED July 16, 1981.

The following rates are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Leslie County Telephone Company. 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.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Non-Recurring Rate</u>
<u>Business and Residential</u>	
Installation	\$35.00
Extension Installation	10.00
Jack Installation	20.00
Reconnection Charge	12.00
Inside and Outside Moves	10.00
Name and Number Change	10.00
Installation of Hard of Hearing Sets	10.00
Installation of Loud Bells	20.00
Phone Change	15.00