

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE JOINT APPLICATION OF)
CINCINNATI RADIO TELEPHONE)
SYSTEMS, INC., AND TELE-)
PAGE CORPORATION TO TRANSFER)
CONTROL OF THE ASSETS AND)
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY OF)
CINCINNATI RADIO TELEPHONE)
SYSTEMS, INC., TO TELE-PAGE)
CORPORATION)

CASE NO. 8304

O R D E R

On August 4, 1981, Cincinnati Radio Telephone Systems, Inc., ("Cincinnati Radio") and Tele-Page Corporation ("Tele-Page"), filed with the Commission a joint application requesting approval of the transfer of the assets and certificate of convenience and necessity of Cincinnati Radio to Tele-Page. Upon acquisition by Tele-Page of the assets of Cincinnati Radio, the surviving utility, to be known as Tele-Page, would become a division of Combined Technologies, Inc., an Ohio corporation, all as more specifically set out in the application and record. By amended application filed October 15, 1981, the companies further requested that the tariff filed on that date be approved as the tariff of the surviving utility, Tele-Page.

A hearing was held on October 15, 1981, in the offices of the Public Service Commission at Frankfort, Kentucky. All parties of interest were allowed to be heard. There were no intervenors, and no protests were entered.

Discussion

There are two items of concern to the Commission in this matter, both related to the proposed tariff filed by Tele-Page. The first is that the proposed rates are the same as those presently charged by Tele-Page. This means that 178 customers of Cincinnati Radio would experience a slight rate increase in tone and voice paging rates after the consolidation of the two companies. Other customers presently served by Cincinnati Radio would experience a slight decrease in rates due to the structure of the proposed rates. Each of the customers who would experience a rate increase was notified by letter of the hearing and of the increase. The Commission accepts these changes because of the need for uniformity of rates within the surviving utility's service area and because these rates are the same as those presently charged by Tele-Page.

The second item of concern is the proposal that terminal equipment charges be deregulated. If this proposal were accepted, Tele-Page, the surviving utility, would no longer offer its pagers and mobile radiotelephones on a tariffed basis. The Commission is aware that this would represent a

departure from past procedures. However, there is substantial evidence in the record of the availability of pagers and mobile radiotelephones from various suppliers. In addition, new paging and mobile radiotelephone equipment with advanced features can be made more readily available to subscribers on a detariffed basis. The Commission therefore accepts Tele-Page's proposal to detariff its terminal equipment offering as being in the best interest of its subscribers. However, the Commission fully expects Tele-Page to keep its records in such detail that it can clearly demonstrate that no cross-subsidy exists between the regulated and unregulated services.

The Commission, after consideration of this matter, including the hearing and all evidence of record, and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

(1) The merger of Tele-Page and Cincinnati Radio will not adversely affect the public interest and should be approved; and

(2) The rates proposed for the surviving utility, Tele-Page, are fair, just and reasonable, and should be approved effective on the date of merger of the two utilities.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the proposed transfer of assets of Cincinnati Radio Telephone Systems, Inc., to Tele-Page Corporation be and it hereby is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued Cincinnati Radio Telephone

Suppliers, Inc., by Order dated April 16, 1974, in Case No. 5857 be and it hereby is transferred to Tele-Page Corporation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the rates and charges in Appendix A attached hereto and made a part hereof be and they hereby are approved effective with the merger of the two utilities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the proposed tariff of the surviving utility, Tele-Page Corporation, be and it hereby is approved effective with the merger of the two utilities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within 20 days of the date of merger of the two utilities, Tele-Page Corporation shall file its tariffs in the manner prescribed by the regulations of the Commission.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of December 1981.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Merlin M. Vohs
Chairman

Katherine Randall
Vice Chairman

Ann Carver
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
IN CASE NO. 8304, DATED DECEMBER 22, 1981

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Tele-Page Corporation in Kentucky:

1. Paging Service Tariff:

a. Unlimited Paging:

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| (i) | Tone and voice paging first unit. | \$ 15.00 |
| (ii) | Each additional paging unit invoiced to the same customer at the same address. | \$ 12.00 |
| (iii) | Operator assisted voice messages (ea.). | \$.25 |
| (iv) | Northern Ky, through Dayton, Oh., combined coverage, add. | \$ 7.00 |
| (v) | Quantity discount schedule for units billed to one account on the total invoice amount for communications services. | |
| (a) | More than 20 units but less than 50 units. Total invoice discount. | 10% |
| (b) | More than 49 units but less than 100 units. Total invoice discount | 20% |
| (c) | More than 99 units in service. Total invoice discount. | 30% |

b. Limited Paging Service:

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| (i) | First 75 pages, (length of transmission not in excess of 30 seconds for each page). First Unit. | \$ 12.00 |
| | Each additional page over 75. | \$.15 |
| (ii) | Each additional paging unit invoiced to the same customer at the same address, the first 75 pages (length of transmission not in excess of 30 seconds for each page). | \$ 10.50 |
| | Each additional page over 75. | .15 |

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| (iii) | If more than one paging unit is used by a subscriber, the additional charge per page for all pages exceeding the number of units of service used multiplied by 75 | \$.15 |
| (iv) | Operator assisted voice messages. | \$.15 |
| (v) | Northern Ky, through Dayton, Oh., combined coverage, add. | \$ 7.00 |
| (vi) | Quantity discount schedule for units billed to one account on the total invoice amount for communications services. | |
| (a) | More than 20 units but less than 50 units. Total invoice discount. | 10% |
| (b) | More than 49 units but less than 100 units. Total invoice discount. | 20% |
| (c) | More than 99 units in service. Total invoice discount. | 30% |

C. Unlimited Tone Only Paging:

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| (i) | Tone only paging first unit. | \$ 8.00 |
| (ii) | Each additional paging unit invoiced to the same customer at the same address. | \$ 7.50 |
| (iii) | Additional telephone number. | \$ 1.50 |
| (iv) | Quantity discount schedule for units billed to one account on the total invoice amount for communications services. | |
| (a) | More than 20 units but less than 50 units. Total invoice discount. | 10% |
| (b) | More than 49 units but less than 100 units. Total invoice discount. | 20% |
| (c) | More than 99 units in service. Total invoice discount. | 30% |

2. Two-Way Service:

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| a. | First two two-way units with manual operation, for first 75 one minute calls or message units. | \$ 14.00 |
| | Each additional one minute call or message unit over 75. | \$.15 |
| b. | Each additional two-way unit over two units for first 75 one minute calls or message units. | \$ 10.00 |

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| | Each additional one minute call or message unit over 75. | \$.15 |
| c. | If more than one two-way unit is used by a subscriber, the additional charge per one minute call or message unit exceeding the number of two-way units used multiplied by 75. | \$.15 |
| d. | Check in call will constitute $\frac{1}{4}$ message unit. | |
| e. | The charge for automatic two-way mobile inbound-outbound dial access per unit. | 8.00 |
| | The charge for each additional channel. | 5.50 |
| 3. | <u>Valued Message Charge:</u> | |

The rate of the valued message service shall be one-tenth of one percent of the stated value of the message in excess of \$500.00

4. Wire-Line Service:

The charges specified in Part C of this tariff relate only to the radio link or interconnection of the radiotelephone service provided hereunder. Charges for local wire-line telephone service, toll wire-line facilities incurred in connection with the services provided under this tariff will be paid by the subscriber.