

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

NOTICE OF SOUTH CENTRAL )  
BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY )  
OF AN ADJUSTMENT IN ITS ) CASE NO. 8150  
INTRASTATE RATES AND CHARGES )

O R D E R

On December 10, 1982, South Central Bell Telephone Company ("Bell") filed tariffs with the Commission to recover \$3,462,000 in increased expenses resulting from the third year of the 4-year phase-in plan for the expensing of station connections, approved by the Commission in an Order in this case dated August 11, 1981. On December 14, 1982, Bell filed supplemental information. In part, Bell requested that it be allowed the additional revenue subject to refund, in the event the Commission were to suspend the proposed rates and charges for investigation and hearing.

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

1. The tariff filing proposes to recover increased station connection expenses from basic exchange service and service charges.
2. Investigation and possible hearing is necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and

charges, and that such investigation and hearing cannot be completed within the statutory notice period. Therefore, the tariff filing should be suspended.

3. The tariff filing raises substantial revenue and rate design issues, and that, pending resolution of these issues, allowing the proposed rates and charges to become effective is not in the public interest. Therefore, Bell's request to allow the additional revenue subject to refund should be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Bell's tariff filing to recover increased station connection expenses be and it hereby is suspended for a period of 5 months from the proposed effective date of January 1, 1983.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Bell's request to allow the additional revenue subject to refund be and it hereby is denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further orders in the matter, in the event that proceedings are concluded by final Order and/or otherwise prior to the termination of the period of suspension.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 29th day of December, 1982.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
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For the Commission

ATTEST:

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Secretary