

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION OF TOLL)
AND ACCESS CHARGE PRICING)
AND TOLL SETTLEMENTS) CASE NO. 8838
AGREEMENTS FOR TELEPHONE)
UTILITIES PURSUANT TO)
CHARGES TO BE EFFECTIVE)
JANUARY 1, 1984)

O R D E R

The Commission issued an Order on May 19, 1983, which initiated this investigation of interstate and intrastate access charge pricing and toll settlements. The Commission began Case No. 8873, An Investigation into the Effects of Competition upon Local and Toll Exchange Service Including the Issues of Intra and Inter-LATA Competition, Access Charges and Bypass, and Methods of Regulating Competitive Markets, to consider a number of issues regarding changes in the telecommunications industry and alternatives the Commission has to ensure the continuation of universal service. A hearing in Case No. 8873 is scheduled for August 30, 1983, at 10:30 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Commission's offices in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Since the access charge pricing changes ordered by the Federal Communications Commission and also proposed for Kentucky intrastate charges will affect the local ratepayer

significantly, the Commission is of the opinion that a preliminary hearing is necessary to advise the public of potential forthcoming changes.

Therefore, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that a preliminary hearing in the above case should be held August 30, 1983, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Commission's offices in Frankfort, Kentucky. Further, South Central Bell Telephone Company, General Telephone Company of Kentucky, Continental Telephone Company of Kentucky, Cincinnati Bell, Inc., and a representative of the other independent telephone companies in Kentucky should appear and give testimony, not to exceed 15 to 20 minutes, on the broad policies each proposes with regard to access charges and toll settlements. This testimony should include the expected impact on the average local ratepayer's monthly bill.

Technical hearings in this case will be scheduled for a later date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a hearing in this matter be and it hereby is scheduled for August 30, 1983, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Commission's offices in Frankfort, Kentucky.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that South Central Bell Telephone Company, General Telephone Company of Kentucky, Continental Telephone Company of Kentucky, Cincinnati Bell, Inc., and a representative of the other independent telephone companies in Kentucky shall appear and give testimony in the above matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that other interested persons desiring to give testimony or statements in this proceeding should notify the Commission in writing by August 22, 1983.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of July, 1983.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary