

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

NOTICE OF SOUTH CENTRAL BELL)
TELEPHONE COMPANY OF AN)
ADJUSTMENT IN ITS INTRASTATE)
RATES AND CHARGES)

CASE NO.
8847

and

THE VOLUME USAGE MEASURED RATE)
SERVICE AND MULTILINE SERVICE)
TARIFF FILING OF SOUTH CENTRAL)
BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY)

CASE NO.
8879

O R D E R

On August 12, 1983, the Commission received a letter from Mr. Dudley Powell, Jr., and Mr. Frank Cofer, Jr., on behalf of The Cause stating that it desires to intervene and be heard on all proceedings regarding telephone rates, specifically the proposed rate adjustment of South Central Bell Telephone Company ("South Central Bell"). The Commission will treat the letter as a Motion to Intervene.

On August 24, 1983, South Central Bell, by counsel, filed its Motion requesting that the Commission deny the Motion to Intervene. In support of the Motion, South Central Bell states that the only interest alleged by The Cause is their interest as consumers of telephone service, that the consumers are adequately and efficiently represented by the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, the City of Louisville, Jefferson County and the Commission Staff, and that to permit intervention will result in a proliferation of parties, substantial additional expense, and will unduly lengthen the

proceedings. South Central Bell further states that it has no objection to The Cause appearing at any hearings the Commission may schedule for that purpose and making any relevant statement.

By letter dated August 30, 1983, the Commission requested that The Cause advise as to the extent of their requested intervention, that is, whether it is for the purpose of making a statement, or for the purpose of fully participating by cross-examining technical witnesses and offering technical evidence. The letter stated that full participation would require all parties to provide copies of an immense amount of data resulting in a significant expense which ultimately would be borne by the ratepayers.

No response to the letter of August 30, 1983, has been received by the Commission.

The Commission, having considered the Motion to Intervene, the Motion to Deny Intervention and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that The Cause is not a Kentucky-based group, has no known Kentucky members, and that the Motion to Intervene should be overruled.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Motion to Deny Intervention be and it hereby is sustained, and the Motion to Intervene be and it hereby is overruled.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of October, 1983.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary