

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

ADJUSTMENT OF RATES OF)
CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE) Case No. 8861
COMPANY OF KENTUCKY)

O R D E R

On October 19, 1983, the Federal Communications Commission, ("FCC") issued an order in CC Docket 83-1145 suspending action on access charge tariffs pending further review until April 3, 1984. Given the action taken by the FCC, and certain rate proposals by Continental Telephone Company of Kentucky ("Continental") in this rate proceeding, it is the Commission's current view that those proposals could not be fully considered with any degree of finality within the time period the Commission has to review this case.

Because of these extraordinary circumstances arising as a result of the FCC action, the Commission has determined that it would be in the best interest of the parties for Continental to withdraw that portion of its rate proposal relating to access charges. Upon Continental's review of the FCC's actions and in light of the view of the Commission as stated herein, Continental should immediately notify the Commission and all parties of record of its decision to either revise its filing or to proceed to hearing on the basis of the case as filed. Continental should file any revised exhibits relevant to access charges by October 25, 1983.

Because of the FCC's action, the Commission believes that the proper forum for addressing access charge rate design will be in a true-up proceeding to be held after a decision is reached in Case No. 8838, An Investigation of Toll and Access Charge Pricing and Toll Settlement Agreements for Telephone Utilities Pursuant to Charges to be Effective January 1, 1984, and the FCC has completed its review at the interstate level.


Consistent with the FCC action which anticipates a continuation of the existing settlement arrangements, the Commission will approach the settlement issue as it has done in prior cases.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Continental immediately notify the Commission and all parties of record of its decision as to whether or not it chooses to withdraw certain portions of its filing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Continental file revised exhibits relevant to access charges as discussed above by October 25, 1983.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 21st day of October, 1983.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary