

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THE VOLUME USAGE MEASURED RATE)	
SERVICE AND MULTILINE SERVICE)	CASE NO.
TARIFF FILING OF SOUTH CENTRAL)	8879
BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY)	

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Procedural Background

On July 26, 1983, South Central Bell Telephone Company ("Bell") filed tariffs to implement Volume Usage Measured Rate Service and Multiline Service.

Opinions and Findings

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

1. Volume Usage Measured Rate Service is a business measured service option that would be available in exchanges where residence and business individual line measured service is available. The proposal would significantly expand the range of measured service options available in Kentucky. The Commission is of the opinion that an investigation and hearing is necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposal and that such investigation and hearing cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date of August 25, 1983. Therefore, the tariff should be suspended.

2. Multiline Service is an optional bulk line service for customers using a large number of local lines. The proposal disaggregates the physical line facility from access to the exchange network and usage of the exchange network. The Commission is of the opinion that an investigation and hearing is necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposal and that such investigation and hearing cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date of August 25, 1983. Therefore, the tariff should be suspended.

3. On July 29, 1983, in Case No. 8847, Notice of South Central Bell Telephone Company of an Adjustment in its Intrastate Rates and Charges, Bell filed tariffs including various proposals concerning existing measured service options. Since Volume Usage Measured Rate Service and Multiline Service are generically related to these existing measured service options, the Commission is of the opinion that the proposed tariffs should be considered in Case No. 8847.

ORDERS

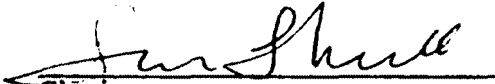
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Bell's Volume Usage Measured Rate Service tariff be and it hereby is suspended for 5 months from the proposed effective date of August 25, 1983, to January 25, 1984.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Bell's Multiline Service tariff be and it hereby is suspended for 5 months from the proposed effective date of August 25, 1983, to January 25, 1984.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this case be and it hereby is consolidated with Case No. 8847.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 24th day of August, 1983.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary