

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF SOME            )  
RESIDENTS OF SPENCER COUNTY        )    CASE NO. 8860  
FOR EXTENDED AREA TELEPHONE        )  
SERVICE WITH LOUISVILLE          )

ORDER

On August 3, 1984, South Central Bell Telephone Company ("Bell") filed the results of the toll traffic study previously ordered in this case. The study period was performed from June 1, 1984, to June 30, 1984. This was during the anticipated summer peak calling period between the Taylorsville and Louisville exchanges.

The results of the traffic study are as follows:

From the Taylorsville exchange to the Louisville exchange there was a total of 13,110 calls during the study period. There are 1,256 subscribers in Taylorsville and this results in 10.43 calls per subscriber. To meet the criteria in Step 3 of the EAS Guidelines only 4 calls per subscriber are required and this would have resulted in 5,024 calls instead of 13,110. Thus, 13,110 minus 5,024 is 8,086 and, in accordance with Step 3 of the Guidelines, 8,086 will be added to the total number of calls from Louisville to Taylorsville. According to the Guidelines, at least

50 percent of the total subscribers in Taylorsville must have completed at least four calls to Louisville. The number of Taylorsville subscribers completing four or more calls to Louisville was 775. This results in 61.7 percent and the required number making four calls or more would have been 628. Therefore 775 minus 628 is 147, and this will be added to the number of Louisville customers making two calls or more to Taylorsville in accordance with the Guidelines.

From Louisville to Taylorsville there were 10,266 calls during the study period, and there are 261,607 subscribers in Louisville. This results in .39 calls per subscriber; however, when the additional 8,086 calls are added to the 10,266 the total is 18,352 calls which results in 0.70 calls per subscriber. The EAS Guidelines require a minimum of two calls per subscriber in this direction. There were 1,869 subscribers in Louisville making two or more calls to Taylorsville during the study period. This is 0.71 percent of the Louisville subscribers. When the additional 147 are added to the 1,869 the result gives 0.77 percent of the Louisville subscribers making two or more calls to Taylorsville during the study period. The EAS Guidelines require that at least 50 percent of Louisville subscribers make two or more calls to Taylorsville during the study period.

On October 27, 1983, the Commission held a hearing in this matter in accordance with Step 4 of the EAS Guidelines. Step 4 was conducted at that time because the petitioners had failed to file the necessary signatures within the given time frame.

Subsequent to the hearing, the Commission allowed petitioners an additional 60-day period to gather the necessary signatures. The petitioners from Spencer County met this requirement and the traffic study was Ordered.

FINDINGS AND ORDER

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

1) The traffic study was performed in accordance with the Commission's EAS Guidelines and the results are representative of typical calling patterns.

2) The criteria in the EAS Guidelines Step 3, part a, were met as shown in the traffic study.

3) The criteria in the EAS Guidelines Step 3, part b, were not met and the results of the traffic study showed very little community of interest from Louisville to Taylorsville.

4) Given that the results of the traffic study from Louisville to Taylorsville did not remotely approach the requirements of the EAS Guidelines, and that Step 4, which is the hearing, has been completed, this case should be dismissed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this case be and it hereby is dismissed.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of August, 1984.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Richard D. Henning  
Chairman

Robert L. Spill  
Vice Chairman

Jim Shull  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Secretary