COMMONWEALTH OF RENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

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THE TARIFF APPLICATION OF SOUTH) CENTRAL BELL FOR ACCESS LINE SERVICE) CASE NO. 9220 FOR CUSTOMER-PROVIDED PUBLIC PHONES) AND) THE TARIFF APPLICATION OF) CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY) TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS, RATES AND) CASE NO. 9223 CHARGES FOR MEASURED RATE COIN SER-) VICE FOR USE WITH CUSTOMER-PROVIDED) PUBLIC PHONES)

ORDER

On November 15, 1984, South Central Bell Telephone Company filed a tariff allowing the connection of FCC registered customerprovided coin operated telephones (herein called "pay phones"), and on November 20, 1984, Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company filed a tariff to the same effect. These tariffs were subsequently suspended for investigation. On December 13, 1984, AT&T Communications of the South Central States ("ATTCOM") moved the Commission to allow it to intervene in both proceedings.

On December 22, 1983, in Case No. 8883, An Investigation into the Connection of Customer Provided Coin-Activated Telephones to the Telephone Network, the Commission declared that it would not deviate from then existing PCC telephone registration rules and denied an application for connection of pay phones to the public switched network. Significant changes in that field since that Order was entered have prompted this Commission to reconsider the effect of that decision.

The most important of these changes has been the FCC's inclusion of pay phones in its registration program. (FCC File No. 100-CX-83, adopted June 15, 1984.)

The Commission finds that a formal conference of affected parties may be useful in defining the issues that may now be involved, and to allow the Commission to determine whether a public hearing may be required.

Some issues that may be discussed at the conference are: (1) whether a decision to allow registered pay phones to be connected to the public switched network would be inconsistent with the Commission's Order in Case No. 8883, cited herein, (2) whether a decision to allow registered pay phones would be inconsistent with any of the findings of that same Order; and (3) any other relevant issues.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a formal conference be held on January 17, 1985, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, at 730 Schenkel Lane in the offices of the Commission in Frankfort, Kentucky.

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