

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THE SALE AND DETARIFFING OF)
EMBEDDED CUSTOMER PREMISES) ADMINISTRATIVE
EQUIPMENT) CASE NO. 269

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Introduction

On November 13, 1985, Continental Telephone Company of Kentucky ("Continental") filed a tariff with the Commission designed to unbundle intrasystem wire charges effective January 1, 1986, as ordered by the Commission on September 10, 1985. On December 16, 1985, Continental filed a motion with the Commission requesting a delay in billing implementation and clarification on billing requirements.

Discussion

According to Continental's motion, due to the nature of its billing system and changes that must be made to its billing system, it cannot begin billing unbundled intrasystem wire charges until 45 to 60 days after the date its tariff becomes effective. The tariff became effective January 1, 1986. The Commission has no reason to dispute Continental's need for additional time to make billing system changes and will allow an extension of time.

In addition, Continental's motion requests clarification as to whether embedded multiline intrasystem wire charges should be stated on customers' bills (1) as a stand-alone line item, or (2)

be included in embedded equipment charges, or (3) be included in access line charges, as is now the case. Of these options, including embedded multiline intrasystem wire charges in access line charges is not acceptable to the Commission. Although total unbundling between embedded wire and embedded equipment would provide the greatest information, given various practical considerations, including cost, the Commission will permit Continental to continue embedded wire and embedded equipment in one line item on the bill.

Findings and Orders

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

1. Continental should be allowed an extension of time to make billing system changes necessary to implement the embedded intrasystem wire requirements of the Commission's Order of September 10, 1985.

2. The extension of time should not exceed 60 days from January 1, 1986.

3. Continental should provide the Commission with notice of the date on which it implements billing pursuant to the Commission's Order of September 10, 1985.

4. Embedded multiline intrasystem wire charges may be included in embedded multiline equipment charges.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

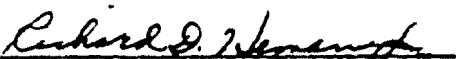
1. Continental be and it hereby is granted an extension of time to March 1, 1986, to implement embedded intrasystem wire billing pursuant to the Commission's Order of September 10, 1985,

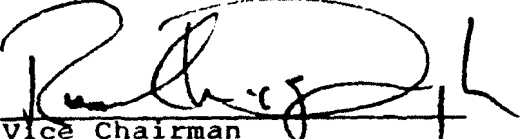
and shall provide written notice to the Commission of the date on which such billing is initiated.

2. Continental's motion to reflect embedded multiline intrasystem wire charges and embedded multiline equipment charges on a bundled basis be and it hereby is granted.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 20th day of January, 1986.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary