

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THE REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF EXTENDED)
AREA SERVICE FOR THE CUSTOMERS OF THE CIN-)
CINNATI BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY LOCATED IN) CASE NO. 9445
NORTHERN PENDLETON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AND)
SERVED BY TELEPHONE EXCHANGE 472 (THE)
PETITIONING EXCHANGE))

O R D E R

On November 27, 1985, the Commission issued an Order in this case which initiated STEP 2 of the Commission's Extended Area Service ("EAS") Guideline procedures. STEP 2 instructs the petitioners who wish to pursue this request for EAS to demonstrate that there is valid subscriber interest for EAS in the proposed exchanges.

The Commission in Appendix A of its November 27, 1985, Order calculated the number of subscriber signatures, by exchange, necessary to demonstrate a general subscriber interest in this proposed EAS plan. The Commission allowed 60 days for the collection and submittal of these signatures.

On January 16, 1986, the petitioners filed a request for an additional 60 days to collect the subscriber signatures. The Commission treated this request as a motion and granted the petitioners the additional 60-day period to end March 14, 1986.

On March 12, 1986, the petitioners filed their collection of subscriber signatures. The Commission has reviewed the said information and acknowledges that the required number of subscriber signatures has been obtained from each exchange.

Having demonstrated general subscriber interest in the proposed EAS plan, thus satisfying the requirement of STEP 2, the Commission finds that the proposed EAS plan shall now proceed to STEP 3.

STEP 3 of the EAS Guidelines directs Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company ("Cincinnati Bell") to conduct studies of originating traffic for the involved exchanges for a 30-day study period within the next 60 days. Specifics on the information to be collected is contained in the EAS Guidelines. This information shall be submitted to the Commission within 30 days from the completion of the study period.

Upon receiving the traffic study data the Commission will set a date and time for a public hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the request for EAS as proposed by the petitioners proceed to STEP 3 of the Commission's EAS Guidelines.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in accordance with STEP 3 Cincinnati Bell shall conduct the appropriate traffic studies for the proposed exchanges, the study period being a 30-day period within the next 60 days from the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Cincinnati Bell shall submit the results of the traffic study within 30 days of the termination of the 30-day study period.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 25th day of March, 1986.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Richard D. Heman, Jr.
Chairman

Robert L. [Signature]
Vice Chairman

Spencer D. Williams
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary