

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE EFFECTS OF THE FEDERAL)
TAX REFORM ACT OF 1986 ON) CASE NO. 9802
THE RATES OF LESLIE COUNTY)
TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.)

O R D E R

On March 20, 1987, Leslie County Telephone Company, Inc., ("Leslie") filed its motion to strike from the record the testimony of David H. Kinlock submitted on behalf of the Utility Rate Cutters of Kentucky ("URC"). As support for its motion Leslie contends that Mr. Kinlock, being neither a tax expert nor an accountant, is not competent to testify on the issues being considered herein. Furthermore, Leslie contends that Mr. Kinlock's testimony does not address the specific effects of the tax act on Leslie's financial operations.

The Commission is both cognizant and understanding of Leslie's position; however, URC's position is also a familiar one to the Commission. As a privately-funded, consumer protection organization, URC's resources are limited. This limitation should not, in the Commission's opinion, prohibit URC from participating in the proceeding at hand. The Commission recognizes the nature of Mr. Kinlock's testimony and will give it appropriate consideration. Any deficiencies or shortcomings in Mr. Kinlock's

testimony will be noted by the Commission as it weighs the evidence submitted herein.

The Commission, having considered the motion and being advised, HEREBY ORDERS that Leslie's motion be and it hereby is denied; that the testimony of David H. Kinlock filed on behalf of the URC shall be included in the record in this case; and that said evidence shall be judged on its merit as this case is decided.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 1st day of April, 1987.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Richard D. Newman
For the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director