

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ECONOMIC	)	
FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING LOCAL	)	ADMINISTRATIVE
MEASURED SERVICE TELEPHONE	)	CASE NO. 285
RATES IN KENTUCKY	)	

O R D E R

South Central Bell Telephone Company ("SCB") has filed Petitions for Confidential Treatment of various responses to data requests.

On May 2, 1988, SCB filed a Confidentiality Petition for its cost support documentation also filed on May 2, 1988. The documentation consists of studies which are used to develop long run incremental costs for providing local exchange service in Kentucky. In support of its application, SCB states:

This information, developed at the expense of South Central Bell, identifies cost calculations and inputs associated with the provision of service. Its disclosure could harm South Central Bell's competitive position in the marketplace.

The Commission, being advised, is of the opinion and finds that SCB's Confidentiality Petition for its cost support documentation of May 2, 1988 should be granted.

On May 31, 1988, SCB filed a Confidentiality Petition for its response to Item 3 of the Attorney General's May 16, 1988 Information Request. The response consists of a description of the econometric modeling techniques and guidelines for estimating

various coefficients necessary for the development of the cost/benefit analysis in this case. In support of its Petition, SCB contends that the document has marketable value.

The Commission, being advised, is of the opinion and finds that it should defer its decision concerning the Confidentiality Petition for the econometric modeling techniques to afford SCB an opportunity to further justify its request for proprietary status for a methodology applied to public information.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

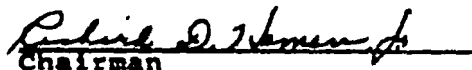
1. The May 2, 1988 Confidentiality Petition be and is hereby granted for the reasons stated above.

2. A decision concerning the May 31, 1988 Confidentiality Petition be and it hereby is deferred pending a showing that the request comports with the requirements of 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7 and KRS 61.878.

3. SCB shall file within 20 days from the date of this Order information which attempts to justify its request for confidential status for its methodology used to develop the cost/benefit analysis.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10th day of August, 1988.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

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Executive Director

  
Commissioner