

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN AUDIT OF UNIVERSAL LOCAL ACCESS) ADMINISTRATIVE CASE
SERVICE CHANNEL REPORTS) NO. 316

O R D E R

On June 3, 1988, the Commission issued an Order in this case accepting and approving the Universal Local Access Service ("ULAS") Audit Task Force recommendations as stated in the "Report to the Commission," attached as Appendix A to the June 3 Order. That Order specifically stated that "[t]he Commission will entertain petitions for hearing on issues that the parties may wish to argue."

On June 22, 1988, AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. ("AT&T"), filed such a Petition for Hearing. The sole issue on which AT&T requests hearing is the allocation among the interexchange carriers for the cost of the ULAS audit. The report to the Commission recommended, and the Commission accepted, that the audit be paid on an as-completed basis using the ULAS allocator in effect during the audit process. AT&T contends that the cost of the audit should be borne by the party requesting the audit unless another party is found, through the course of the audit, to be in noncompliance with the tariff. AT&T asserts that it will present evidence and arguments in support of its opinion.

On July 6, 1988, MCI Telecommunications Corporation ("MCI") filed a response to AT&T's Petition for Hearing requesting that the Commission deny AT&T's Petition. In support of its response, MCI states that AT&T's Petition contains no evidence which AT&T plans to present in support of its view, but rather a summary of arguments which AT&T believes support its views.

The Commission having considered the Petition for Hearing and the response, and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that a hearing for the purpose of presenting evidence on the appropriate allocation of ULAS audit costs is unnecessary. However, the Commission is of the opinion that it should entertain oral arguments concerning the issue of how the cost of the audit is to be allocated.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The Petition of AT&T requesting a hearing for the presentation of evidence be and it hereby is denied.

2. The presentation of oral arguments by AT&T, MCI and any interested party concerning paragraph number 9 of the "Report to the Commission," Appendix A of the June 3, 1988 Order, be and it hereby is scheduled for September 7, 1988 at 10:00 a.m., E.D.T., in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 1st day of August, 1988.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Richard D. Herman, Jr.
Chairman

Robert M. Davis
Vice Chairman

James D. Wilkerson
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director