

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ADJUSTMENT OF RATES OF GTE SOUTH )  
INCORPORATED ) CASE NO. 10117

O R D E R

On May 13, 1988, GTE South Incorporated ("GTE") filed a Motion for scheduling a date certain for the examination of rate of return witnesses. GTE requests that the date on which all rate of return witnesses scheduled for examination be no earlier than June 14, 1988 though the hearing is to begin on June 8, 1988. In support of its Motion, GTE states that its witness, Dr. Richard W. Furst, is unavailable to testify prior to June 14, 1988 and that the number of witnesses and issues involved in the rate case make it unlikely that Dr. Furst would be called to the witness stand within the time currently allocated for the hearing.

The Commission, being advised, is of the opinion and finds that GTE's request is reasonable and that the Motion should be granted.

Also, on May 13, 1988, GTE filed a Motion which it styled "Identification of Staff Issues Prior to Hearing." GTE moves that the Commission direct Staff to identify a statement of issues in which the Staff intends to challenge or dispute the company's evidence as well as other issues which the Commission intends to consider in the resolution of this case. In support of its

Motion, GTE states that an informal practice of such a statement has been developed.

The Commission, being advised, is of the opinion and finds that the Motion is reasonable and should be granted. The Commission has directed its Staff to produce a statement of issues which, in the opinion of the Staff, will be used to decide the case. Such issues list is to be issued after GTE has responded to all requests for information which are pending, but no later than June 3, 1988. It is the Commission's intention that such issues list be beneficial to GTE and intervenors in identifying issues which may be considered in the resolution of this case, but it is not contemplated that the Staff in its cross-examination or the Commission will necessarily be restricted from addressing issues which may not appear on the issues list.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rate of return witnesses for GTE and the intervenors shall not be called to the witness stand prior to June 14, 1988.
2. Staff shall produce an issues list no later than June 3, 1988.
3. Such issues list shall not be deemed as a limitation on the Staff's cross-examination during the hearing nor the Commission in the consideration of issues for the resolution of this case.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 27th day of May, 1988.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

*Richard D. Warden, Jr.*  
Chairman

*Robert M. Davis*  
Vice Chairman

*James N. Wilhoit*  
Commissioner

**ATTEST:**

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Executive Director