

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF APPLICATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL )  
BELL TO MODIFY ESSX SERVICE, FOR CON- ) CASE NO.  
FIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF PROPOSED SECTION ) 10212  
P12 AND TO PROVIDE RATE FLEXIBILITY )

O R D E R

On July 25, 1988, South Central Bell Telephone Company ("South Central Bell") filed a motion to modify the procedural schedule established in this case, and a motion for reconsideration of the Commission's July 20, 1988 Order which compelled South Central Bell to answer certain data requests propounded by MCI Telecommunications Corporation ("MCI").

South Central Bell has requested that the Commission modify the procedural schedule and reschedule the hearing currently scheduled for August 2, 1988. The Commission finds that such request is reasonable and should be granted based upon two recent Orders of the Commission in this docket.

On July 20, 1988, the Commission ordered South Central Bell to respond to certain data requests propounded by MCI. South Central Bell seeks reconsideration of this Order; however, counsel for South Central Bell has indicated that upon execution of appropriate protective agreements between South Central Bell and MCI, South Central Bell's motion for reconsideration may be moot. In addition, on July 22, 1988 the Commission issued an Order

finding that South Central Bell's proposed tariff Section P12, which contained confidential rates not available to the parties in this case, was unacceptable as a matter of law. South Central Bell has indicated that it will consider other alternatives for the filing of a proposed tariff to replace the confidential section stricken by the Commission.

On July 29, 1988 MCI filed additional data requests, and requested that South Central Bell respond within 30 days.

In recognition of the time necessary for South Central Bell to restructure and refile a proposed tariff section formerly stricken by the Commission, and the need for South Central Bell to compile information sought by MCI and execute the appropriate protective agreements, the Commission hereby FINDS that a continuance of the hearing previously scheduled will cause no harm to the Commission or intervenors. South Central Bell has agreed to extend the suspension period for the proposed tariff thereby protecting the interest of the Commission and the parties to this proceeding.

The Commission further FINDS that South Central Bell should be granted a reasonable extension of time in which to prepare a response to the data requests of MCI. South Central Bell may delay its response to MCI for an amount of time sufficient to enable it to prepare and file a new proposed tariff section, to replace the previously stricken Section P12.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the hearing scheduled for August 2, 1988 be and it hereby is continued generally pending further Orders of the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that South Central Bell shall be required to respond to the data request originally propounded by MCI on June 3, 1988, as well as the data request propounded July 29, 1988, within ten days following the filing of South Central Bell's new proposed tariff section.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky this 29th day of July, 1988.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

*Richard D. Hammons*  
For The Commission

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Director