COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED PROVISION OF)
COUNTYWIDE TELEPHONE SERVICE TO) CASE NO.
GREENUP COUNTY, KENTUCKY, PURSUANT) 9824
TO KRS 278.545)

ORDER

On December 23, 1986, the Commission ordered GTE South Incorporated ("GTE") to comply with KRS 278.545 by implementing county-wide extended area service ("EAS") in Greenup County.

Prior to the initiation of this case, GTE had filed suit against the Commission in Franklin Circuit Court alleging that KRS 278.545 was unconstitutional. (Case No. 86-CI-1296.)

On November 13, 1987, the Circuit Court entered a judgment in favor of the Public Service Commission. GTE has appealed to the Court of Appeals (Case No. 87-CA-2408).

On December 21, 1988, GTE filed a proposed tariff which, if approved, will implement a rate increase for Greenup County subscribers to pay for the EAS.

On March 22, 1989, prior to its effective date, the Commission suspended the proposed tariff to investigate its reasonableness. On April 6, 1989, the Commission issued an information request to which GTE responded on April 24, 1989.

Having been sufficiently advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the procedural schedule, attached and incorporated hereto, is reasonable and should be followed.

BE IT SO ORDERED.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky this 18th day of May, 1989.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

For The Commission

ATTEST:

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 9824 DATED May 18, 1989.

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Additional Information Requests dueJune 2,	1989
Responses to Information Requests dueJune 16,	1989
Informal Conference, beginning at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, to discuss possible settlement and issues to be addressed at the hearing to be heldJune 30,	1989
*Hearing beginning at 10:00 a.m., EDT, in the Commission's Offices in Frankfort, Kentucky onAugust 1,	1989
Brief dueAugust 1,	1989

 $^{^{\}star}$ The Commission will hear comments from the public beginning at 10:00 a.m. and the evidentiary hearing will commence immediately thereafter.