

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

SOUTH CENTRAL BELL TELEPHONE	)	
COMPANY'S PROPOSED 0- OPERATOR	)	CASE NO. 91-187
TRANSFER SERVICE TARIFF FILING	)	

O R D E R

On April 29, 1991, South Central Bell Telephone Company ("South Central Bell") filed a proposed tariff for "0-" Operator Transfer Service ("OTS"). As proposed, OTS is an access service available to interLATA carriers ("IXCs") for the use of the IXCs' customers. South Central Bell operators will transfer to subscribing IXCs those calls of customers dialing "0-" and then requesting the IXC. For each call transferred the OTS subscriber will be assessed 35 cents. Where OTS is not available or not purchased by the IXC, the South Central Bell operator will instruct a customer who dialed "0-" and requested an IXC to hang up and dial again to reach the IXC for assistance.

On May 24, 1991, South Central Bell, by letter, requested the Commission delay the effective date of the proposed tariff. On June 12, 1991, the Commission ordered that the proposed tariff be suspended for further review. On July 9, 1991, the Commission granted AmeriCall Systems of Louisville ("AmeriCall") its motion to intervene. There was a public hearing on October 2, 1991. On November 5, 1991, the Commission received a letter from One Call Communications, Inc. d/b/a Opticom opposing the provision of OTS.

AmeriCall raises several objections to the proposed OTS tariff. AmeriCall contends that the 35 cent charge should be assessed to the customer who dials "0-" since the service is a convenience to that customer. South Central Bell asserts that the service is provided to IXCs for their interLATA calls and that it is appropriate to assess the charge to the IXC. OTS is a benefit to the IXC choosing to subscribe to the optional service. This charge is reasonable as proposed.

AmeriCall also asserts that if the OTS tariff is approved, there should be the added requirement that South Central Bell immediately begin transferring "0-" intraLATA calls when requested by a customer. South Central Bell opposes this alteration. Because intraLATA competition has not yet been implemented, AmeriCall's proposal is premature. South Central Bell should not, at this time, be required to transfer intraLATA calls.

Further, AmeriCall asserts that upon implementation of intraLATA competition pursuant to Administrative Case No. 323,<sup>1</sup> South Central Bell should be required to provide OTS on an intraLATA basis in the same manner as it will on an interLATA basis. South Central Bell asserts that this requirement should not be mandated and is, at best, premature.

However, in compliance with the implementation of intraLATA competition, the Commission will require that within 30 days of

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<sup>1</sup> Administrative Case No. 323, An Inquiry Into IntraLATA Toll Competition, An Appropriate Compensation Scheme for Completion of IntraLATA Calls by Interexchange Carriers, And WATS Jurisdictionality.

the Commission's Order implementing intraLATA competition, South Central Bell should revise the OTS tariff to provide the service on an intraLATA basis as well as an interLATA basis or, in the alternative, South Central Bell should delete OTS from its tariff.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

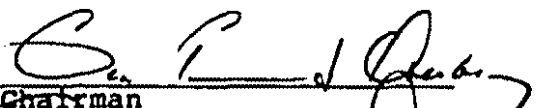
1. South Central Bell's tariff for the provision of OTS is reasonable and is accordingly approved, subject to the provisions of ordering paragraphs 2 and 3 herein.


2. Within 30 days of the Commission's Order implementing intraLATA competition pursuant to Administrative Case No. 323, South Central Bell shall file revisions to its tariff to provide OTS on an intraLATA basis just as it does on an interLATA basis. In the alternative, South Central Bell shall delete its OTS tariff.

3. Should South Central Bell determine to withdraw or delete this tariff at any time, it shall cease transferring intrastate "0-" calls to any carrier as an adjunct to the provision of interstate OTS even where intrastate "0-" calls are transferred without charge.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 8th day of November, 1991.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

  
Commissioner