

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION OF TOLL AND ACCESS )  
CHARGE PRICING AND TOLL SETTLEMENT )  
AGREEMENTS FOR TELEPHONE UTILITIES ) CASE NO. 8838  
PURSUANT TO CHANGES TO BE EFFECTIVE ) PHASE I  
JANUARY 1, 1984 )

AND

DETARIFFING BILLING AND ) ADMINISTRATIVE  
COLLECTION SERVICES ) CASE NO. 306

AND

THE INVESTIGATION AND REVIEW OF )  
CUSTOMER-OWNED, COIN-OPERATED ) ADMINISTRATIVE  
TELEPHONE REGULATION ) CASE NO. 337

O R D E R

On March 30, 1992, Equal Access Corporation ("Equal Access") filed a motion with the Commission requesting that South Central Bell Telephone Company ("South Central Bell") be ordered to provide Equal Access with billing and collection services for Kentucky intrastate payphone services. Equal Access contends that South Central Bell should provide billing and collection services to it pursuant to Administrative Case No. 337. On April 3, 1992, South Central Bell filed its response to the motion of Equal Access contending that Equal Access's tariffs have no validity because they have not been approved and allowed to become effective. Therefore, according to South Central Bell, implicit in the Commission's Order finding that customer-owned,

coin-operated telephones ("COCOTs") are utilities and that tariffs are required is the notion that billing and collection services would be provided only after approval of tariffs.

However, pursuant to the October 7, 1991 Order in Administrative Case No. 337, COCOTs providing service at the time of the Commission's investigation into the regulation of COCOTs may continue to provide service in accordance with the conditions of service established in that proceeding and need not cease provision of service pending approval of tariffs.

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

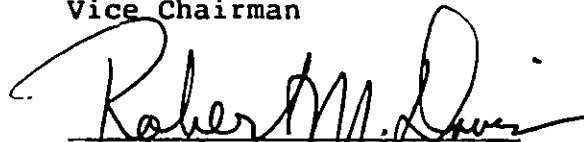
1. The motion of Equal Access is granted.
2. South Central Bell shall provide billing and collection services to Equal Access in the same manner provided to other utilities pending approval of the tariff of Equal Access.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 27th day of May, 1992.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director, Acting