COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

SOUTH CENTRAL BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY'S) CASE NO. PROPOSED AREA CALLING SERVICE TARIFF) 91-250

ORDER

On January 27, 1992, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through his Utility and Rate Intervention Division ("Attorney General"), petitioned the Commission for rehearing of its January 16, 1992 Order requiring South Central Bell Telephone Company ("South Central Bell") to notify the Commission in writing at least 20 days in advance of placing the Area Calling Service tariff in effect, if South Central Bell elected to place the proposed service in effect since the five month suspension period had expired.

In support of its petition for rehearing, the Attorney General states that the Commission's Order left to South Central Bell the decision of whether it would place the Area Calling Service tariff in effect prior to a final Order in this proceeding. The Attorney General requests the Commission grant rehearing and order South Central Bell not to place the Area Calling Service tariff in effect until a final Order has been entered.

On February 3, 1992, South Central Bell filed a response to the Attorney General's petition for rehearing. South Central Bell noted that the five month suspension period ended January 11,

Because of the Commission decision to allow parties to 1992. comment on material contained in South Central Bell's reply brief, entrance of a final Order in this matter has been delayed beyond the five month suspension period. South Central Bell contends that the request in the Attorney General's motion is inconsistent with KRS 278.190(2), which states in pertinent part:

> If the proceeding has not been concluded and an order made at the expiration of such five (5) months the utility may place the rate, proposed change of classification or service in effect at the of such period after notifying the commission, in writing, of its intention so to do.

Further, South Central Bell asserts that it intends to comply with the January 16, 1992 Order.

The Commission, having considered the motion for rehearing and the response thereto and being otherwise sufficiently advised, **HEREBY ORDERS that:**

- The Attorney General's motion is denied pursuant to KRS 278.190(2).
- The January 16, 1992 Order remains in full force and effect.

18th day of February, 1992. Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST: