

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE PROPOSED TARIFF FILING OF GTE SOUTH)
INCORPORATED TO ESTABLISH OPERATOR) CASE NO.
TRANSFER AND INWARD OPERATOR ASSISTANCE) 92-396
SERVICES)

O R D E R

On August 26, 1992, GTE South Incorporated ("GTE South") filed a proposed tariff for the provision of Operator Transfer Service and Inward Operator Assistance Service. Operator Transfer Service would allow GTE South operators to transfer end-user dialed "0-" calls to the participating interexchange access carrier designated by the end-user. Inward Operator Assistance Service would allow the GTE South operator to perform busy-line verification, busy-line interrupt, and operator assistance at the request of an access customer operator. The proposed tariffs were to have become effective on September 25, 1992. However, the Commission found that further investigation into the reasonableness of the proposed tariffs was necessary and suspended them to and including February 24, 1993.

AmeriCall Systems, Inc. ("AmeriCall") filed a motion to suspend the tariff filing and to intervene into the proceeding. The Commission granted AmeriCall intervention on September 25, 1992.

GTE South amended its proposed tariff on October 9, 1992, making Operator Transfer Service applicable to all "0-" calls to a

participating interexchange carrier ("IXC"). This modified proposal is not limited to interLATA calls as originally proposed.

The Commission established an opportunity for AmeriCall to comment on the proposed tariff and for GTE South to respond to those comments. AmeriCall's comments addressed two issues.

First is the issue of the impact of intraLATA competition on Operator Transfer Service. AmeriCall concedes that the modified tariff proposal filed October 9, 1992 makes the service applicable to all intrastate calls. Thus, GTE South's proposed revised tariff is consistent with the tariff approved for South Central Bell Telephone Company in Case No. 91-187.¹ GTE South's response also asserts that GTE South will honor end-user requests to select an IXC to complete an intraLATA call.

The second issue raised by AmeriCall is whether GTE South should be required to impute to itself the price for this Operator Transfer Service when an end-user dialing "0-" requests that GTE South complete his intraLATA call. AmeriCall asserts that access services, including Operator Transfer Service, must be imputed to GTE South's intraLATA toll service whenever GTE South utilizes the same access element it offers to IXC competitors. GTE South responds that this service is discretionary and a contribution from this service is appropriate. Because of the diminutive amount of revenues associated with Operator Transfer Service, the Commission declines to mandate price imputation at this time.

¹ Case No. 91-187, South Central Bell Telephone Company's Proposed 0- Operator Transfer Service Tariff Filing.

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

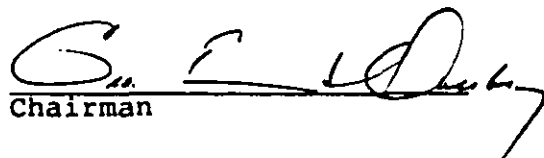
1. GTE South's tariff for the provision of Operator Transfer Service and Inward Operator Assistance Service, as proposed on August 26, 1992 and as modified on October 9, 1992, is reasonable and shall be approved.

2. The imputation of the price of this service shall not be mandated for GTE South at this time.

3. Should GTE South 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 Operator Transfer Service even where intrastate "0-" calls would have been transferred without charge.


Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 11th day of February, 1993.


PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director


Commissioner