

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

CLARK RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE)	
CORPORATION)	
)	
AND)	
)	CASE NO. 96-045
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.)	
_____)	
)	
ALLEGED FAILURE TO COMPLY)	
WITH COMMISSION REGULATIONS)	

O R D E R

On February 20, 1996, the Commission ordered BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") to appear before it on April 9, 1996 for the purpose of presenting evidence concerning the alleged violations of Commission regulations 807 KAR 5:061, Section 3, and 807 KAR 5:006, Section 26, and of showing cause why it should not be subject to the penalties prescribed in KRS 278.990 (1) for the alleged violations.

807 KAR 5:061, Section 3, requires telephone utilities to maintain their plant and facilities in accordance with the standards of the National Electrical Safety Code (1990 edition). 807 KAR 5:006, Section 26, requires a utility, other than a natural gas utility, to submit a written summary report of any utility-related accident resulting in burns requiring medical treatment at a hospital or similar medical facility within seven days of the accident.

On September 1, 1995, a utility-related accident resulting in burns occurred in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. The utilities involved were Clark Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation and BellSouth.

In its February 20, 1996 Order, the Commission asserted that BellSouth had not submitted a written summary report of the incident. BellSouth contacted the Commission in person on or about February 27, 1996 and provided documentation that it had timely filed the report. Subsequently, Commission staff discovered that BellSouth's report, which is attached hereto as Appendix A, had been timely received on September 7, 1995. The allegation that BellSouth has violated 807 KAR 5:006, Section 26, is, therefore, erroneous.


Having reviewed the report and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that the September 1, 1995 incident did not involve a violation of 807 KAR 5:006, Section 26. Consequently, that allegation should be dismissed from this proceeding.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

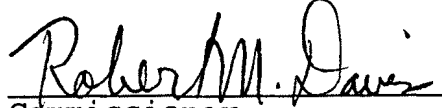
1. The alleged violation of Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:006, Section 26, is dismissed from this proceeding.
2. The remainder of the Commission's February 20, 1996 Order shall remain in full force and effect.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 12th day of March, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director

APPENDIX A

AN APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 96-045, DATED: MARCH 12, 1996.

P.S.C. EMERGENCY REPORT FORM

DATE 9-7-95 TIME 4:15 PM

COMPANY Bell South

PERSON MAKING CALL: NAME Beth S. Tice

TITLE Manager - Regulatory

ADDRESS 601 W Chestnut

PHONE 502-582-5672

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE 760 Langview Barnab Rd, Jeffersonville, Ky

TIME OF OCCURRENCE Clark RECC received call approx 2:55 PM on 9/6/95

DESCRIPTION OF OCCURRENCE: DEATHS: YES NO ✓

INJURIES: YES ✓ NO

ESTIMATED COST OF DAMAGE

CAUSE & DESCRIPTION (see Clark RECC) CUSTOMER (MARVIN WATKINS) WAS WORKING ON HIS PROPERTY. HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO TIE TEL LINES - POWER LINES TOGETHER WITH A STRING, WHILE STANDING ON A DOZIE

EFFECTS ON NORMAL SERVICE

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN AFTER Clark RECC RAISES THEIR FACILITIES Bell South to RAISE FACILITY

TIME OF RESUMPTION OF NORMAL SERVICE

SCB learned of accident by calling Clark RECC on 9/6/95.

SIGNED Beth S Tice

TITLE Manager - Regulatory

DATE 9-7-95

B. Tice Reported to VERN MINTAK 9/6/95 approx 4:30 PM