

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INQUIRY INTO UNIVERSAL SERVICE) ADMINISTRATIVE
AND FUNDING ISSUES) CASE NO. 360

O R D E R

In Administrative Case No. 355,¹ the Commission discussed the disposition of the non-traffic sensitive ("NTS") rate element currently in intrastate access charges. The Commission tentatively found that NTS rate elements should be removed from access charges and recovered through the Universal Service Fund ("USF"). All parties are put on notice that the Commission is reconsidering this preliminary finding and is proposing to eliminate this NTS rate element from consideration as a component of the USF. Parties shall provide testimony, due July 11, 1997, regarding whether and how the revenue currently recovered through the NTS rate element should be addressed. At the same time, the Commission expects that all intrastate toll carriers will pass the access charge reductions resulting from the elimination of the NTS rate element on to their respective customers. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), GTE South Incorporated ("GTE"), and all interexchange carriers should comment on this expectation in their testimony. Further, all incumbent local exchange carriers should include in their respective testimony NTS revenue recovered during calendar year 1996.

¹ Administrative Case No. 355, An Inquiry into Local Competition, Universal Service, and the Non-Traffic Sensitive Access Rate.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that parties shall address in their prefiled testimony the issues delineated herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of June, 1997.

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For the Commission

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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This matter arising upon the motion of the Kentucky Education Association, Inc. ("KEA") for full intervention, and it appearing to the Commission that the KEA has a special interest which is not otherwise adequately represented, and that such intervention is likely to present issues and develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings, and this Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The motion of the KEA to intervene is granted.
2. The KEA shall be entitled to the full rights of a party and shall be served with the Commission's Orders and with filed testimony, exhibits, pleadings, correspondence, and all other documents submitted by parties after the date of this Order.
3. Should the KEA file documents of any kind with the Commission in the course of these proceedings, it shall also serve a copy of said documents on all other parties of record.

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Linda K. Breathitt
For the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director