

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

J. CAROL STUECKER	)	
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COMPLAINANT	)	
	)	
vs.	)	CASE NO. 96-615
	)	
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	)	
	)	
DEFENDANT	)	

O R D E R

On December 5, 1997, the Commission entered its Final Order in this case directing BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") to revise its General Subscriber Services Tariff, at A13.19.3A.8, to delete the qualifying adjectives "non-profit" and "tax exempt" from its description of those entities which may receive per-line blocking of number delivery to called parties. The Commission explained in its Order that the safety concerns which justify per-line blocking do not change when the organization involved in crisis intervention is operated for profit. Accordingly, agencies such as Stuecker & Associates, Inc., which provides domestic violence and other serious interventions and which had complained that BellSouth unjustly refused to provide its employees with the protection of per-line blocking, should receive the requested protection.

On December 15, 1997, BellSouth filed a Motion for Reconsideration ("Motion") requesting that the Commission reconsider its decision that the words "non-profit" and "tax exempt" should be deleted. Instead, BellSouth requests that the Commission

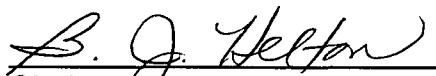
approve a tariff revision of the entire phrase at issue and permit substitution of the words "(a) established shelters of domestic intervention and agencies which deal with domestic violence" for the words "(a) non-profit, tax exempt, private and public social welfare agencies such as domestic violence intervention agencies."

BellSouth is concerned that the revision ordered by the Commission might result in too broad a description of for-profit agencies which could receive per-line blocking, and submits that its proposed substitute language will ensure that employees and volunteers of agencies that require per-line blocking protection, such as Stuecker & Associates, will receive it.

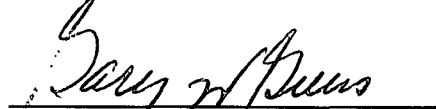
The Commission finds that BellSouth's proffered language is acceptable and that it addresses the safety concerns which prompted the Commission to order revision of the tariff. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that BellSouth's Motion for Reconsideration is granted and that BellSouth shall, within 10 days of the date of this Order, file the tariff revision suggested in its Motion of December 15, 1997 and described herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 23rd day of December, 1997.

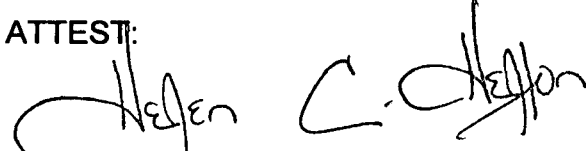
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