

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF CINCINNATI BELL	)	
TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY	)	
TO INCREASE AND ADJUST ITS RATES AND	)	CASE NO. 98-292
CHARGES AND TO CHANGE REGULATIONS	)	
AND PRACTICES AFFECTING SAME	)	

O R D E R

On January 25, 1999, the Commission entered an Order reducing certain rates of Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company ("CBT"). Subsequently, CBT requested and was granted rehearing on selected issues impacting revenue requirements and rate design. On July 26, 1999, the Commission entered an Order on rehearing reducing the revenue sufficiency found reasonable in the January 25, 1999 Order and requiring CBT to revise its tariff to implement rates not yet changed in accordance with the January 25, 1999 Order. In addition, CBT was ordered to file with the Commission a plan to refund its over-collections for Band 4 rates, hunting, TouchTone, switched access, common line charge, and any other over-collections.

On August 16, 1999, CBT filed its proposed refund plan in compliance with the Commission's Order. CBT's plan is set forth as follows:

Residential Service

- Customers and service levels will be determined at a date certain.

- Rate element levels will be based on those rates in effect as a result of the January 25, 1999 Order compared to the same general rate elements as a result of the July 26, 1999 Order.
- A rate element comparison of customers and service levels at date certain will be made and a credit will be provided on the current month's bill of the date certain customer.
- Refunds will be reflected on the current monthly bill of the date certain customer as a credit, and the entire refund will be completed within 45 days of the Commission's approval of the plan.

#### Business Services

- The refund amount for hunting service will be determined using the same methodology as that used for Residential service as described above.
- Refunds for non-recurring charges will reflect the decrease for the class of service that experienced the decrease. The amount of the decrease will then be proportionately allocated to all customers in the class incurring the non-recurring charges.

#### Switched Access Service

- The refund amount for switched access will be the difference between the rates currently in place and those prescribed in the January 25, 1999 Order.

The Commission has reviewed CBT's proposed plan and finds it to be reasonable.

The Commission, having considered the issues on rehearing and having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. CBT s proposed refund plan is reasonable and is approved.
2. CBT shall execute the plan in an expeditious manner, completing disbursement to residential and access services customers no later than 45 days from the date of this Order and completing disbursement to business services no later than the end of the billing cycle beginning November 1,1999.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director