

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DEREGULATION OF LOCAL EXCHANGE) ADMINISTRATIVE
COMPANIES' PAYPHONE SERVICE) CASE NO. 361

O R D E R

On August 20, 1999, Coin Phone Management Company ("CPMC") filed a motion requesting that the Commission issue an Order compelling BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") to comply with the Commission's Order of January 5, 1999 in this case. Specifically CPMC stated that BellSouth continues to charge screening and blocking charges ranging from \$2.00 to \$4.00 per line per month in addition to the per line rates that the Commission ordered. CPMC states that these charges are inconsistent with the average statewide rate established by the Commission and likewise inconsistent with the "new services test" and should not be charged.

On September 1, 1999, BellSouth filed a letter with the Commission stating that the parties were discussing a possible resolution to the motion and requested that the Commission hold the motion in abeyance until the parties advise the Commission otherwise. On November 1, 1999, CPMC advised the Commission that the negotiations had broken down and requested a ruling on the motion.

On November 3, 1999, BellSouth filed a response to the CPMC motion, requesting its denial. BellSouth argues that the Commission has established statewide average rates for payphone access lines and that blocking and screening charges are

not a part of these rates. Moreover, according to BellSouth, the Commission was aware of separate rates for blocking and screening.

The Commission's Order of January 5, 1999 stated:

The companies also filed tariffs for certain unbundled features and functions that relate to payphone service. The FCC required that these unbundled features and functions be tariffed at the state and federal level. The Commission finds that the tariffed rates approved by the FCC should also be approved on an intrastate basis. Any rate for an unbundled payphone feature or function that is tariffed at a higher rate on an intrastate basis shall be reduced to the interstate level.

Blocking and screening are unbundled payphone features. The Commission finds that BellSouth should adhere to the Commission's Order regarding unbundled features and functions. BellSouth should modify its intrastate tariff as necessary to comply with the Commission's January 5, 1999 Order to provide unbundled features and functions for payphone service at rates no higher than the rates for interstate service.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the motion of CPMC be granted to the extent that BellSouth's intrastate rates for unbundled features and functions, such as screening and blocking services, be provided at rates no higher than the interstate rates.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of January, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director