

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF NORTH CENTRAL)	
TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION)	CASE NO.
TO ADJUST RATES AND CHARGES FOR)	2007-00162
BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE)	

O R D E R

MCImetro Transmission Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services, MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services, Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Long Distance, NYNEX Long Distance Company d/b/a Verizon Enterprise Solutions, TTI National, Inc. Teleconnect Long Distance & Systems d/b/a Telecom*USA and Verizon Select Services, Inc. (collectively, "Verizon") has moved for full intervention in this matter. Verizon is an interexchange carrier and purchases tariffed access services from the applicant, North Central Telephone Cooperative Corporation ("North Central"). North Central has responded by opposing the motion.

In seeking intervention, the requesting party must demonstrate that it is directly affected by the relief being requested. Specifically, 807 KAR 5:001, Section 3(8), which governs intervention in Commission proceedings, states as follows:

If the commission determines that a person has a special interest in the proceeding which is not otherwise adequately represented or that full intervention by party is likely to present issues or to develop facts that assist the commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings, such person shall be granted full intervention.

This case is the first rate application by a telecommunications provider before this Commission in more than 10 years. Additionally, North Central has not requested a change to its basic rates in more than 20 years. Despite the numerous jurisdictional changes in Kentucky telecommunications law in the recent years, the Commission still retains authority over access rates. During the course of this matter, the Commission will likely review North Central's revenue data on these rates, in addition to North Central's basic local service, although increases to access rates were not specifically requested by the cooperative. The Commission finds that, as an interexchange carrier subject to North Central's tariffed access rates, Verizon may present information that could assist in the consideration of the rate application without unduly complicating this matter. Verizon has a unique interest in this matter and could be directly affected by the Commission's decisions during the course of this proceeding. The Commission finds that Verizon should be granted full intervention.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Verizon's motion for full intervention is granted.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28th day of November, 2007.

By the Commission

Commissioner Clark Abstains.

ATTEST:



Executive Director