#### 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	)	

### <u>ORDER</u>

On November 21, 2007, the Commission, by Order, suspended North Central Telephone Cooperative Corporation's ("North Central") proposed tariff increasing the rates for service rendered on or after the proposed effective date of November 26, 2007.

Pursuant to KRS 278.190, the Commission may hold a formal hearing concerning the reasonableness of the new rates. The Commission finds that a formal hearing will be necessary in order to render a final decision in this matter. The Commission also finds that a procedural schedule should be established to afford the parties the opportunity to conduct discovery and submit written testimony prior to the formal hearing.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. The procedural schedule set forth in Appendix A shall be followed.
- 2. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed and shall include the name of the witness responsible for

responding to the questions related to the information provided, with copies to all parties of record and 5 copies to the Commission.

- a. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.
- b. A party shall make timely amendment to any prior responses if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.
- c. For any requests to which a party fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, that party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.
  - 3. Any party filing testimony shall file an original and 10 copies.
- 4. At the public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summaries of direct testimonies shall be permitted.
- 5. The parties may request, by motion, an informal conference with Commission Staff at any point during the course of this proceeding.
- 6. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.

By the Commission

Commissioner Clark Abstains.

ATTEST:

**Executive Director** 

## APPENDIX A

# APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2007-00162 DATED December 12, 2007

Requests for information to North Central shall be filed no later than
North Central shall file responses to initial requests for information no later than
Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form, shall be filed no later than
North Central shall file rebuttal testimony, if any, in verified prepared form, no later than
Public Hearing is to begin at 9:30 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses of North Central and Intervenor
Briefs, if any, shall be filed by