

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

NOTICE OF SOUTH CENTRAL BELL)
TELEPHONE COMPANY OF AN ADJUSTMENT)
IN ITS INTRASTATE RATES AND)
CHARGES)

CASE NO. 5625

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CASE NO. 6848

O R D E R

In its Order of October 20, 1972, in Case No. 5625, the
Commission directed, among other things, that:

"IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the Company
shall file reports every thirty (30)
days to include the number of telephones
installed the preceeding month, the number
and location, by exchange, of held
applications for new service and upgraded
service, and the number of customers
receiving eight-party service."

Further, in its Order of January 3, 1978, in Case No. 6848,
the Commission directed, among other things, that:

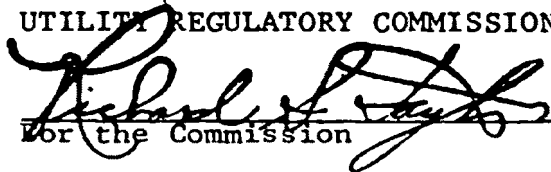
"IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the Company
shall file monthly reports with the
Commission showing by exchanges the
number of held applications, regrade
request and customers on 4-and 8-party
service as compared with the previous
month."

Subsequently, on July 23, 1980, South Central Bell (Bell)
filed with the Commission a request (Appendix "A") to be allowed to
furnish these reports on a quarterly bases. The Commission, after
consideration of this matter, and being advised, is of the opinion
and finds that the requests are reasonable in that quarterly reports
of these subjects will serve the monitoring purposes of the Commission
and will not in any way have an adverse effect on consumers.

IT IS THERFORE ORDERED That the Commission's Orders in Case No.
5625 and in Case No. 6848 are amended in that South Central Bell
Telephone Company be and hereby is allowed to file, on a quarterly
basis, reports of the "Status of Telephone Installations, Held Appli-
cations and Regrade Requests", and the "Status of 4-and 8-Party
stations."

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10th day of September, 1980.

UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary



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UTILITY REGULATORY
COMMISSION

Mr. Richard Heman, Jr., Secretary
Utility Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Heman:

In compliance with the Commission's Orders dated October 20, 1972 and January 3, 1978 in Case Nos. 5625 and 6848, respectively, we are now sending you two monthly reports, one on the "Status of Telephone Installations, Held Applications and Regrade Requests" and the other on the "Status of 4- and 8-Party Stations." The latest of these reports, for May and June, 1980, were sent to you today by separate letter. We are hereby requesting that we be allowed to furnish these reports in the future on a quarterly basis only since monthly reporting of the subject data appears to us to be no longer necessary or desirable.

Much of the data on these reports is included in other documents filed with the Commission on a regular basis. However, these two reports are required to show additional information, specifically net changes in data from the previous month and cumulative changes for the year, both by exchange. This requirement necessitates that we spend numerous clerical and supervisory hours each month in the creation of these particular reports. We wonder if the relative benefit the Commission gains by receiving these reports so often is proportional to the effort required of us to formulate them. Generally, changes from month to month would not be as dramatic, illustrative or meaningful as changes, or lack thereof, on a quarterly basis. Further, in Case No. 7348 the Commission more recently ordered that a similar type of report on related data, i.e., service applications held for one year or longer, be made on a quarterly basis only, indicating that perhaps this Commission might view such information as more meaningful on a quarterly basis. Additionally, we plan to eliminate our 4- and 8-party services in their entirety by the end of 1981, at which

time this report will not be necessary at all, even on a quarterly basis. It would not seem to be unreasonable, therefore, to report less often when we are within a year and a half of elimination and have been reporting steady progress all along in meeting this common goal.

We feel that a change from monthly to quarterly reporting would be of great benefit to both our Company and the Commission. It would actually save us weeks of work annually, would relieve us and the Commission of some of the ever-increasing, inundating flow of paperwork to which we are both now subjected and, we feel, serve the monitoring purpose for which these reports were intended just as well as or even better than monthly reporting.

We would appreciate your bringing this matter before the Commission at the earliest convenient date. If we can be of help in furnishing more information about this request, please contact us and we will, of course, be more than happy to assist you.

Very truly yours,

M. F. Sermusheim
Assistant Vice President