

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF SOUTH CENTRAL BELL)
TELEPHONE COMPANY TO CHANGE)
AND INCREASE CERTAIN RATES) CASE NO. 9160
CHARGES FOR INTRASTATE TELE-)
PHONE SERVICE)

ORDER MODIFYING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On November 30, 1984, the Attorney General (an intervenor in this case) filed a motion to enlarge the time for submitting initial requests for information to South Central Bell Telephone Company ("South Central"). Therein, the Attorney General requested that this deadline be changed from December 14 to December 21, 1984. South Central filed a response to the Attorney General on December 5, 1984, in which the company stated that it had no objection to the Attorney General's request so long as the time for South Central to respond to the initial data request is extended by a corresponding period.

On December 5, 1984, South Central filed a motion to enlarge the time for responding to the Commission's standard information request which was issued on November 20, 1984. This material is due on December 14, 1984. South Central stated that some of the material requested must be compiled by the company and cannot be available before December 21. Accordingly, South Central asks

that the deadline for responding to the standard information request be changed to December 21, 1984.

In its motion, South Central also requested that the Commission modify the March 1, 1985, deadline for intervenors to submit their responses to information requests made to them. South Central contends that the March 1 deadline does not give it enough time to review the responses before the start of the hearing on March 5, 1985.

In this instance, the Commission finds that the parties have advanced sufficient grounds in support of their proposed changes and the Commission will grant the modifications in the procedural schedule as requested. However, the Commission serves notice to all parties that it will not countenance repeated delays in the progress of this case. This is a difficult and complicated proceeding and all parties must give their best effort in meeting the established deadlines if the Commission is to have sufficient time to properly analyze the evidence and render its decision within the statutory 5 months and 20 days. For these reasons, the Commission hopes that this is the last time we are called upon to modify the procedural schedule of this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the motions of the Attorney General and South Central requesting modifications in the procedural schedule of this case be and they hereby are granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the new procedural schedule set forth in Appendix A to this Order supersedes the schedule set forth in the Commission's November 20, 1984, Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 12th day of December, 1984.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Richard D. Hemmings
Chairman

W. B. Lynch
Vice Chairman

W. S. H. H. H.
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPENDIX A
APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 9160 DATED DECEMBER 12, 1984

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DUE DATE

1. SCB shall file its testimony in verified form, unless filed sooner.....11/26/84
2. All Requests for Information to SCB and all responses by SCB to the Commission's standard information request shall be due, unless submitted sooner.....12/21/84
3. SCB shall mail or deliver Responses to the original Requests for Information, unless submitted sooner.....1/4/85
4. All Supplemental Requests for Information (to include only those matters within the scope of the initial request) to SCB shall be due, unless submitted sooner.....1/11/85
5. SCB shall mail or deliver Responses to Supplemental Requests for Information, unless submitted sooner.....1/18/85
6. Intervenors shall file their testimony in verified prepared form, unless filed sooner.....1/25/85
7. All Requests for Information to Intervenors shall be due, unless submitted sooner.....2/8/85
8. Intervenors shall mail or deliver Responses to Requests for Information, unless submitted sooner.....2/27/85*
9. Public Hearings are to begin at 9:00 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses of SCB, cross-examination of witnesses of Intervenors, and the presentation of rebuttal testimony, if any.....3/5/85
10. SCB and Intervenors shall, if necessary, file briefs, indexed by subject matter, simultaneously.....3/29/85

*The intervenors shall have this information ready for SCB to pick up by the close of business on this date. If SCB chooses not to pick this information up itself, the intervenors shall deliver this information to SCB (and other parties and the Commission) by overnight carrier service.