

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC TARIFF FILING OF THACKER-)	
GRIGSBY TELEPHONE COMPANY,)	CASE NO.
INCORPORATED TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND)	2025-00043
ASSESSMENT OF LATE PAYMENT FEES)	

ORDER

On February 19, 2025, Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company, Incorporated (Thacker-Grigsby Telephone) filed, through the Commission’s electronic Tariff Filing System, a revision to its tariff to suspend the assessment of late payment fees due to the flooding that occurred in its service territory in February 2025. Thacker-Grigsby Telephone requested that the tariff revision be allowed to go into effect immediately.

LEGAL STANDARD

KRS 278.160(2) states that no utility shall charge, demand, collect, or receive from any person a greater or less compensation for service rendered or to be rendered than that prescribed in its filed schedules, and no person shall receive any service from any utility for a compensation greater or less than that prescribed in such schedules.

KRS 278.180(2) allows the Commission, upon application by any utility, to prescribe a less time than 30 days within which a reduction of rates may be made.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

The Commission finds that Thacker-Grigsby Telephone’s request for its tariff revision to become effective immediately is reasonable and should be approved. As the revision represents a reduction in rates, the Commission has the discretion to allow the

revision to take effect immediately.¹ Given the historic nature of the flooding that has occurred in Thacker-Grigsby Telephone's service territory, requiring a 30-day or 20-day notice prior to the revision becoming effective would not benefit the customers of Thacker-Grigsby Telephone and would not be reasonable. Swift action is needed at times like these to bring the relief requested.

The Commission also finds that, prior to reinstating the assessment of late payment fees, Thacker-Grigsby Telephone should file a revised tariff, through the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System, removing the provision to temporarily suspend the assessment of late payment fees.

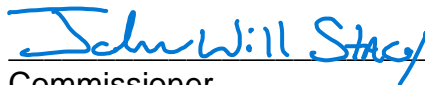
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:


1. Thacker-Grigsby Telephone's proposed tariff revision is approved effective February 20, 2025.
2. Within ten days of the date of service of this Order, Thacker-Grigsby Telephone shall file with the Commission, its revised tariff setting forth the provision approved in this Order, and reflecting the effective date and that the provision was authorized by this Order.
3. Prior to reinstating the assessment of late payment fees, Thacker-Grigsby Telephone shall file a revised tariff, through the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System, removing the provision to temporarily suspend the assessment of late payment fees.
4. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

¹ KRS 278.180(2).

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Commissioner


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ATTEST:

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