

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

DOCKET NO. 97-AD-0623 IN RE: ORDER OF THE MISSISSIPPI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
CREATING A DOCKET TO
ESTABLISH A STATE-WIDE RATE
FOR RESIDENTIAL "PREPAID"
LOCAL SERVICE

ORDER

COMES NOW, the Mississippi Public Service Commission (Commission), and issues this Order adopting a state-wide rate for residential "prepaid" local service.

Procedural Background

The instant docket was established by Commission Order dated October 6, 1997. The stated intent of the docket was to establish a state-wide rate for residential "prepaid" local service.

The Executive Secretary of the Commission served a copy of the Order creating the instant docket on all certified telecommunications providers in the State. Motions to intervene were filed by Comm South Companies, Inc., Century Telephone of North Mississippi, Inc., U.S. Telco, Inc. and Tel-Link of Mississippi LLC. All motions to intervene were granted.

A hearing was held on November 24, 1997, with all due and proper notice being given according to law and Commission regulations. Tel-Link of Mississippi LLC, U.S. Telco, Inc. and Comm South Companies, Inc. were present and represented by counsel.

Discussion

In Docket 95-UA-0358, Sub-Docket: Entry, by Order dated July 18, 1996, the Commission set the price for local exchange service provided by a new entrant to not exceed 120 percent "of the highest of the comparable tariff services provided by the incumbent local exchange telephone company." This Order was entered into evidence as "Exhibit 1". "Exhibit 2" was a copy of BellSouth Mississippi Rate Reference Guide, Revised 1/1/97, which reflected a rate of \$19.01 for rate group 13. "Exhibit 2" was admitted into evidence.

"Exhibit 3" was introduced into evidence and reflects as follows:

Proposed Pre-paid State-Wide Rate for CLECs

3.00 Toll Restriction

19.01 1 FR
.75 Touch-tone

22.76 120% (27 31)
50 SLC (intrastate subscriber line charge)
27 81
2 78 10% Tax (3% Fed. - 7% State)
30 59
3 50 FCC SLC
11 3% Fed. Tax
34 20
13 DPR
05 E-911 Training
1 00 E-911
35 38

(35.40)

"Exhibit 3" as reflected above shows the calculation of the state-wide "prepaid" rate for the provision of local residential service to be \$35.38, rounded to \$35.40.

IT IS, THEREFORE ORDERED that the maximum state-wide rate for residential "prepaid" local service is hereby set at \$35.40.

Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted Aye; Vice-Chairman Bo Robinson voted Aye; Commissioner George Byars voted Aye.

SO ORDERED on this the 5th day of December 1997.

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION