BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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) Case No. 97-858-TP-PEX
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ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On October 8, 1998, the Commission issued a finding and order which, among other things, granted the complainant's request for two-way, nonoptional, flat-rate EAS between the South Lebanon Exchange and the Cincinnati and Little Miami exchanges, contingent upon the conducting and filing of a canvass demonstrating the willingness of a substantial majority of South Lebanon Exchange subscribers to pay rates associated with that service. The order, which set forth a sample ballot form to be used, directed the complainants to conduct such a canvass and to report the results thereof to the Commission by no later than December 8, 1998. It directed the respondents, United Telephone Company of Ohio (a.k.a. Sprint) and Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company (Cincinnati Bell) to review the submitted ballots and report the results of their review to the Commission by December 23, 1998.
- (2) The spokesperson for the complainants has informed the attorney examiner that he did not receive in a timely

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fashion a copy of the Commission's October 8, 1998 Finding and Order. As a result, the complainants have been unable to complete the required canvass pursuant to the schedule established by the finding and order. The complainants have requested that they now be granted an additional 60-day period for completing the required canvass.

(3) The attorney examiner finds that good cause has been shown, and therefore, the canvass-related schedule originally established in the Commission's October 8, 1998 order should now be revised. Accordingly, the complainants shall have an additional period, i.e., until February 8, 1999, to canvass the South Lebanon exchange subscribers, submit the ballots they collect, and report the results of their canvass to the Commission. Sprint and Cincinnati Bell shall have until February 22, 1999 to review the submitted ballots and report the results of their review to the Commission.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That, using the sample ballot set forth in the October 8, 1998 Finding and Order, the complainants shall conduct a canvass the South Lebanon subscribers, submit the ballots they collect, and report the results of their canvass, all by no later than February 8, 1999. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Sprint and Cincinnati Bell shall review the submitted ballots and report the results of their review to the Commission by February 22, 1999. It is, further,

ORDERED, That, in all other respects, the Commission's October 8, 1998 Finding and Order shall remain in full force and effect. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon the spokesperson for the complainants, the respondents and their counsel, and upon all interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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