

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 11th
day of August, 1992.

In the matter of Choctaw Telephone Company to file)
tariffs to provide community optional service and)
recover actual net revenue loss associated with) CASE NO. TR-91-86
provision of service to customers in the Company's)
Missouri service area.)

ORDER TO COMPEL

On July 22, 1992, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a motion requesting that Choctaw Telephone Company (Choctaw) be directed to provide answers to the data requests attached hereto. Public Counsel states that the information is necessary for a full earnings review and to consider all relevant factors.

On July 27, 1992, Choctaw filed suggestions in opposition to Public Counsel's motion. Choctaw argued that the information requested is not required under the Revenue Sharing Plan and, therefore, is not pertinent. Choctaw also argued that the data requests are unduly oppressive and burdensome. Choctaw stated that it did not have the requested information in its possession and that considerable time and expense would be required to obtain the data from its vendor, Thomas Teleprocessors, Inc.

The Commission finds that data requested by Public Counsel is relevant to the subject matter of this proceeding and appears reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. The Revenue Sharing Plan is not the basis for determining revenue loss or setting rates. Also, it is disingenuous for Choctaw to claim that providing the requested information is burdensome when it has the ability to provide such data for the time periods it wishes. Thus, the Commission determines that Choctaw should provide all information requested by Public Counsel.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Office of the Public Counsel's motion to compel an answer to data requests is hereby granted.

2. That Choctaw Telephone Company shall provide answers to the data requests attached hereto to the Office of the Public Counsel on or before August 21, 1992.

3. That this Order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

Brent Stewart

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Executive Secretary

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McClure, Chm., Mueller, Rauch,
and Perkins, CC., Concur.
Kincheloe, C., Absent.