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BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Public Utility Commission
SECRETARY'S BUREAU
Information Control Division

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission :
v. : Docket No. I-00920020
Commonwealth Telephone Company :

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ORDER COMPELLING
RESPONSE TO INTERROGATORY

On January 13, 1993, the Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA") served upon Commonwealth Telephone Company ("CTCO"), by hand-delivery, Set II of its Interrogatories composed of 34 interrogatories. On January 25, 1993, CTCO filed objections to OCA's Interrogatory Nos. II-31 and 32.

On March 8, 1993, OCA responded to the objections and moved to compel an answer to OCA Interrogatory Set II No. 31. The Interrogatory, No. 31, requests copies of the Consolidated Income Statement for Schedule M-1 from C-TEC's, CTCO's unregulated holding company, consolidated income tax return for the years 1986-1991. OCA argues that its calculation of CTCO's proforma income may result in a positive federal income tax expense for CTCO. As such, OCA argues that C-TEC's consolidated tax returns are relevant and necessary to determine CTCO's federal income tax expense for ratemaking purposes and further

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that C-TEC has enjoyed substantial tax benefits through the filing of consolidated tax returns.

On March 17, 1993, CTCO filed an Answer to OCA's Motion. CTCO argues that CTCO may or may not show federal income tax liability, thus rendering an OCA adjustment unnecessary; and further that C-TEC considers the information confidential and proprietary "to the extent that it serves no useful purpose in this proceeding."

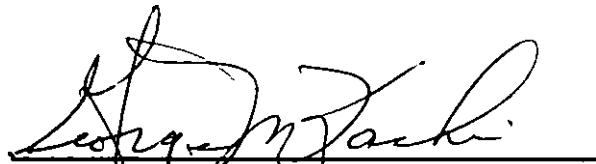
Upon consideration of all the pleadings and arguments, we find the information sought by the OCA, relevant to the issues in this proceeding and we will overrule the objections of CTCO and direct that CTCO provide the data requested in OCA's Interrogatories Set II No. 31.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the objection of CTCO to OCA Interrogatory Set II No. 31 be and is hereby overruled.

2. That CTCO, within five (5) days of service of this Order, provide the data requested in OCA Interrogatory Set II No. 31.

Date: March 18, 1993



GEORGE M. KASHI
Administrative Law Judge