

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPROVAL OF THE	)	
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT	)	
NEGOTIATED BY BELLSOUTH	)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND	)	CASE NO. 96-382
E. SPIRE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	)	
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND	)	
252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	)	
ACT OF 1996	)	

O R D E R

On December 6, 1996, the Commission approved an interconnection agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ( BellSouth ) and e.spire Communications, Inc. ( e.spire ). On May 12, 1997, the Commission approved a renegotiated interconnection agreement between BellSouth and e.spire. On May 14, 1999, BellSouth and e.spire submitted to the Commission an amendment to their interconnection agreement. The agreement was negotiated pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ( 1996 Act ), 47 U.S.C. Sections 251 and 252. Section 252(e) of the 1996 Act requires the parties to an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation to submit the agreement for approval to the Commission.

The Commission has reviewed the amendment and finds that no portion of the amendment discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of this amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the amendment is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director