

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE PROPRIETY OF, )  
AND POTENTIAL SAFEGUARDS FOR, THE ) CASE NO. 98-410  
PROVISION OF LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE )  
BY GTE COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION )

O R D E R

On September 30, 1999, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ( BellSouth ) and BellSouth BSE, Inc. ( BSE ) submitted to the Commission their negotiated agreement for interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements, and the resale of BellSouth's services. 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 agreement and finds that no portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of this agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

BSE must comply with all relevant Commission mandates for serving in this Commonwealth.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS  
that:

1. The negotiated agreement between BellSouth and BSE is approved.
2. BSE shall file a tariff for local service prior to providing local service giving 30 days' notice to the Commission and shall comply with all Commission regulations and orders as directed.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director