

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE )  
SOUTH CENTRAL STATES, INC. FOR AN )  
AMENDMENT TO ITS CERTIFICATE OF )  
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY SO AS TO ) CASE NO. 96-075  
AUTHORIZE IT TO OFFER AND PROVIDE )  
TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES THROUGHOUT )  
KENTUCKY )

O R D E R

On February 29, 1996, AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. ("AT&T") filed an application requesting authority to provide telecommunications services including local exchange service. AT&T asserts that Section 253 of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires that it be authorized to provide local exchange services.

Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, AT&T may offer local exchange service once it completes negotiations with incumbent local exchange carriers, after the necessary negotiations with local exchange carriers have taken place and the resulting agreements have been submitted to, and approval by the Commission, and after the Commission rules on local competition issues to be heard in Administrative Case No. 355,<sup>1</sup> currently before the Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> Administrative Case No. 355, An Inquiry Into Local Competition, Universal Service, and the Non-Traffic Sensitive Access Rate.

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

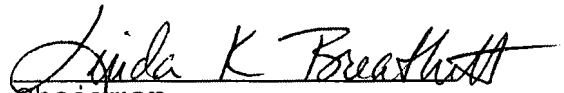
1. AT&T and all other telecommunication providers authorized to do business in Kentucky may enter into negotiations with incumbent local exchange carriers without further authority from the Commission.


2. AT&T shall submit all of its interconnection agreements to the Commission for prior approval. At that time the Commission will approve, modify, or reject the interconnection agreements consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

3. This application is dismissed as moot.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of March, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director