COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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THE APPLICATION OF EXCEL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO INCLUDE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE RESALE SERVICES

CASE NO. 96-214

<u>ORDER</u>

On May 14, 1996, Excel Telecommunications, Inc. ("Excel") filed an application requesting authority to provide resold local exchange services. Excel 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, Excel may offer local exchange service after it completes negotiations with incumbent local exchange carriers and the resulting agreements have been approved by the Commission, and after the Commission rules on local competition issues in Administrative Case No. 355.¹

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

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

1. Excel 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. Excel shall submit all of its interconnection agreements and wholesale discounts to the Commission for prior approval. At that time the Commission will approve, modify, or reject the agreements consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

3. Prior to commencement of any local service, Excel shall file a proposed tariff, containing rates, terms and conditions of service for Commission review.

4. This application is dismissed as moot.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of June, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director