

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THURMAN HASKELL RHODUS)	
)	
COMPLAINANT)	
)	
vs.)	CASE NO. 96-250
)	
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.)	
)	
DEFENDANT)	

O R D E R

On May 15, 1996, Thurman Haskell Rhodus filed a formal complaint against BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") alleging that BellSouth refused to provide him telephone service for nonpayment of his deceased mother's past due telephone bill. In his Complaint, Mr. Rhodus alleges that he never agreed to assume responsibility for his mother's debt. The Commission, on June 27, 1996, therefore ordered BellSouth to satisfy or answer Mr. Rhodus' Complaint.

On July 8, 1996, BellSouth filed with the Commission its Response and Motion to Dismiss As Satisfied ("Motion"). In its Motion, BellSouth states that its refusal to provide service to Mr. Rhodus was proper and in compliance with applicable regulations. Nevertheless, BellSouth states that it contacted Mr. Rhodus and agreed to provide him service with appropriate blocking arrangements because of Mr. Rhodus' assertion that he did not understand the transfer of contract arrangements that had been made. Finally, BellSouth states that Mr. Rhodus has accepted BellSouth's offer and his

telephone service has been restored. Mr. Rhodus has not filed a response to BellSouth's Motion.

The Commission, having reviewed the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that BellSouth's Motion should be granted if Mr. Rhodus fails to file a response to it within 10 days from the date of this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Mr. Rhodus may file with the Commission, within 10 days from the date of this Order, his response to BellSouth's Motion.
2. If Mr. Rhodus fails to file said response within the 10-day period, BellSouth's Motion shall be granted.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 30th day of July, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director