

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF VANGUARD CELLULAR )  
SYSTEMS, INC., FOR ARBITRATION )  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 252(B) OF )  
THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF ) CASE NO. 97-020  
1934, AS AMENDED, TO ESTABLISH )  
AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT )  
WITH GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED )

O R D E R

On October 27, 1997, GTE South Incorporated ("GTE") and West Virginia Cellular Telephone Corporation ("Vanguard") submitted to the Commission their first amended negotiated agreement for transport and termination of traffic. 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 amended 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 amended agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

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

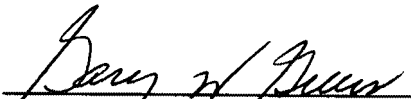
The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the negotiated first amended agreement between GTE and Vanguard is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of November, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director