

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,)
INC.'S APPLICATION TO RESTRUCTURE) CASE NO. 97-074
RATES)

O R D E R

On March 21, 1997, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") filed an application to restructure certain tariff prices and to suspend the operation of certain provisions of its price cap regulation tariff. The proposed tariff accompanying the application is to be effective for service on and after April 21, 1997.

The Commission finds that further proceedings are necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed tariff and such proceedings cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date. Accordingly the tariff should be suspended up to and including September 20, 1997.

Further, the Commission finds that the following procedural schedule is reasonable and should be implemented:

Data Requests of the Commission and
All Parties to BellSouth due April 18, 1997

Responses to the Data Requests due May 2, 1997

Second Data Requests of the Commission
and All Parties to BellSouth and Data
Requests of BellSouth to All Parties due May 13, 1997

Responses From BellSouth and Parties due May 23, 1997

Prefiled Testimony of All Witnesses due May 30, 1997

Reply Testimony, if any, due June 13, 1997

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The proposed tariff is suspended for five months to and including September 20, 1997.
2. The procedural schedule set forth above shall be followed.
3. A formal hearing in this matter is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, beginning June 17, 1997 in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky.
4. Nothing in this Order shall prevent the Commission from entering a final decision in this case prior to the termination of the suspension.

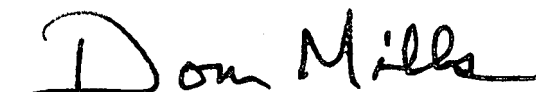
Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 4th day of April, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



For the Commission

ATTEST:



Executive Director