

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S)
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT) CASE NO. 97-143
OF INFORMATION FILED IN SUPPORT OF ITS)
CONTRACT FOR GENUINE PARTS COMPANY)

O R D E R

This matter arising upon petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), filed February 20, 1997, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, for confidential protection of the cost and contribution data filed in support of the Contract Service Agreement with Genuine Parts Company ("GPC") on the grounds that disclosure of the information is likely to cause BellSouth competitive injury, and it appearing to this Commission as follows:

BellSouth has entered into a Contract Service Agreement with GPC which will provide designated services at a discounted rate in the five BellSouth states in which GPC operates. The services to be provided are basic business services (including Area PLUS® Service, Business local exchange service, inside wire, and various vertical services), Hunting, ESSX®/Digital ESSX Service, and Network Access Registers. In support of the contract, BellSouth has provided cost information which it seeks to protect as confidential. The information sought to be protected is not known outside of BellSouth and is not disseminated within BellSouth except to those employees who have a business need to

know and to act upon the information. BellSouth seeks to preserve and protect the confidentiality of the information through all appropriate means.

BellSouth's competitors for basic business services, Hunting, and Network Access Registers are primarily alternate local exchange carriers. BellSouth's competitors for ESSX®/Digital ESSX Service are providers of PBX and other customer premises equipment as well as competitors for local service. Disclosure of the cost information would enable these competitors to determine BellSouth's costs and contribution from the services which they could use in formulating strategic plans for entry, pricing, and marketing, and developing business strategies concerning these services. Therefore, disclosure of the information is likely to cause BellSouth competitive injury, and the information should be protected as confidential.

This Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised,

IT IS ORDERED that the cost information filed in support of the Contract Service Agreement with GPC, which BellSouth has petitioned to be withheld from public disclosure, shall be held and retained by this Commission as confidential and shall not be open for public inspection.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 6th day of May, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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ATTEST:

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Executive Director