

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
NEGOTIATED BY BELLSOUTH)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND)
ALEC INC., PURSUANT TO SECTIONS) CASE NO. 97-256
251 AND 252 OF THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)

O R D E R

On May 23, 1997, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and ALEC Inc. ("ALEC") submitted to the Commission their negotiated agreement for interconnection, resale, and unbundled network elements. 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 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 agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.


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

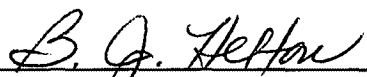
The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and ALEC is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 16th day of July, 1997.


PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director