#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

# AN INQUIRY INTO UNIVERSAL SERVICE AND FUNDING ISSUES

ADMINISTRATIVE CASE NO. 360

## <u>ORDER</u>

By Order dated December 9, 1997, the Commission required that briefs should be filed by no later than March 27, 1998. At the conclusion of the March 3, 1998 hearing, three topics for the briefs were announced. First, AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. ("AT&T"), MCI Telecommunications Corporation ("MCI"), Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company ("Cincinnati Bell"), GTE South Incorporated ("GTE"), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") must complete the document released by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), February 27, 1998, entitled State Forward-Looking Cost Studies for Federal Universal Service Support, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-160, and related input spreadsheet; second, state the appropriate intrastate benchmark; and third, estimate the size of the Universal Service Fund for the Cincinnati Bell, GTE and BellSouth operating areas. Parties may submit briefs on any other issue.

Upon further review of responses to Item 7 of the Commission's January 9, 1998 Order, clarification is needed. Cincinnati Bell, GTE, and BellSouth must resubmit their responses in the format attached hereto as an Appendix. Responses must be submitted in Lotus or Excel format on 3.5" diskettes by no later than March 27, 1998. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

 Briefs on the topics delineated herein shall be due no later than March 27, 1998.

2. Cincinnati Bell, GTE, and BellSouth shall resubmit responses to Item 7 of the Commission's January 9, 1998 Order in the provided format no later than March 27, 1998.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 12th day of March, 1998.

# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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ATTEST: **Executive Director** 

**APPENDIX** 

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AN APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN ADMINISTRATIVE CASE NO. 360 DATED MARCH 12, 1998

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