COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AREA CODE EXHAUSTION AND RELIEF) ADMINISTRATIVE) CASE NO. 373

<u>O R D E R</u>

On November 16, 1998, the Commission revised its decision and ordered that the area code exhaustion within the 502 area code be resolved through the implementation of a geographic split. All incumbent local exchange carriers ("ILECs") were ordered to advise the Commission of the date on which they could begin permissive and mandatory dialing for the geographic split. They were also required to customer education and notification. BellSouth submit plans for their Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") stated that it could begin permissive dialing on April 19, 1999 and mandatory dialing on October 19, 1999. All other ILECs filed dates that preceded BellSouth's dates. Thus, permissive dialing for the 270 area code region will begin not later than May 1, 1999, and mandatory dialing for the 270 area code region will begin not earlier than November 1, 1999.

BE IT SO ORDERED.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 23rd day of December, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST: