COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPROVAL OF THE)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
NEGOTIATED BY BELLSOUTH)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND) CASE NO. 97-130
DELTACOM, INC. PURSUANT TO)
SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)

ORDER

On April 7, 1997, the Commission approved an interconnection agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and DeltaCom, Inc. ("DeltaCom"). On October 15, 1997, and November 19, 1997, the Commission approved amendments to the interconnection agreement. On August 3, 1998, BellSouth and DeltaCom submitted to the Commission another amendment to the interconnection agreement. 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 amendment and finds that no portion of the amendment discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of the amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the amendment to the interconnection agreement between BellSouth and DeltaCom is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of September, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive/Director