COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BY BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND GTE MOBILNET OF KENTUCKY INCORPORATED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

CASE NO. 97-149

ORDER

On January 22, 1998, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and GTE Mobilnet of Kentucky Incorporated ("GTE Mobilnet of Kentucky") submitted to the Commission the First Amendment to their interconnection agreement approved April 16, 1997. The amendment 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 this amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. GTE Mobilnet of Kentucky must comply with all relevant Commission mandates for serving in this Commonwealth.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the negotiated First Amendment to the interconnection agreement between BellSouth and GTE Mobilnet of Kentucky is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 9th day of March, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST: **Executive Director**