COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BY BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND KMC TELECOM II, INC. PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

CASE NO. 98-168

<u>ORDER</u>

On May 1, 1998, the Commission approved an interconnection agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and KMC Telecom II, Inc. ("KMC Telecom"). On July 20, 1998, BellSouth and KMC Telecom submitted to the Commission an 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 this amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

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

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the amendment negotiated between BellSouth and KMC Telecom is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 14th day of September, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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