

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPROVAL OF THE )  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT )  
NEGOTIATED BY BELL SOUTH )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. ND ) CASE NO. 97-256  
ALEC, INC., PURSUANT TO SECTIONS )  
251 AND 252 OF THE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 )

O R D E R

On July 16, 1997, the Commission approved an interconnection agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ( BellSouth ) and ALEC, Inc. ( ALEC ). On February 26, 1999, BellSouth and ALEC submitted to the Commission an amendment to their interconnection agreement. Also, on February 26, 1999, BellSouth and ALEC submitted an agreement for physical collocation. The agreements were 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 interconnection and collation agreements adopted by negotiation to submit the agreements for approval to the Commission.

The Commission has reviewed the agreements and finds that no portion of the agreements discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreements. The Commission also finds that the implementation of these agreements is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the agreements are approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director