

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF E.SPIRE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)
ON BEHALF OF ITSELF AND ITS OPERATION)
SUBSIDIARIES, FOR ARBITRATION OF AN)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH BELL SOUTH) CASE NO. 2000-034
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., PURSUANT TO)
SECTION 252(b) OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT)

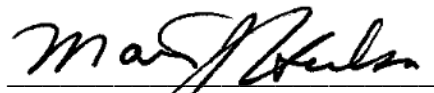
O R D E R

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and e.spire Communications, Inc. ("e.spire") have requested a 10-day extension of time applicable to all deadlines. The parties believe that the extension will enable them to finalize their negotiated agreement. If so, e.spire will petition to dismiss this arbitration request. The Commission, having considered the request, HEREBY ORDERS that this request be granted.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 6th day of April, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:



Executive Director