

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPROVAL OF THE)	
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)	
NEGOTIATED BY BELL SOUTH)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND)	CASE NO. 2000-098
METROLINK INTERNET SERVICES OF)	
PORT SAINT LUCIE, INC. PURSUANT)	
TO SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)	

O R D E R

On March 1, 2000, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and MetroLink Internet Services of Port Saint Lucie, Inc. ("MetroLink") submitted to the Commission their negotiated agreement for interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements, and the resale of BellSouth's services. MetroLink is adopting in its entirety the interconnection agreement between BellSouth and OptiLink Communications, Inc. dated July 1, 1999. On March 1, 2000, BellSouth and MetroLink also submitted to the Commission an amendment to their interconnection agreement. The agreement and amendment 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 an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation to submit the agreement for approval to the Commission.

The Commission has reviewed the agreement and amendment and finds that no portion thereof discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the

agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of the agreement and amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

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

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. The negotiated agreement and amendment between BellSouth and MetroLink are approved.

2. MetroLink shall file a tariff for local service prior to providing local service giving 30 days' notice to the Commission and shall comply with all Commission regulations and orders as directed.

3. Within 10 days of the date of this Order, BellSouth shall file with the Commission a true and complete copy of the agreement and amendment approved herein in Microsoft® Word 97 format on 3.5-inch high-density diskette.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 5th day of April, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:



Executive Director