## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BY BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. AND POWERTEL OF LOUISVILLE, INC., PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

CASE NO. 2000-431

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## <u>order</u>

On September 5, 2000, Brandenburg Telephone Company, Inc. ("Brandenburg") and Powertel of Louisville, Inc. ("Powertel") submitted to the Commission their negotiated agreement for the interconnection of their networks and the unbundling of specific network elements. 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 agreement and finds that no portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of this agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

Powertel 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 between Brandenburg and Powertel is approved.

2. Within 10 days of the date of this Order, Brandenburg shall file with the Commission a true and complete copy of the agreement approved herein in Microsoft<sup>®</sup> Word 97 format on 3.5-inch high-density diskette.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director