

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS)
COMPANY L.P. FOR ARBITRATION WITH)
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.) CASE NO. 2000-480
PURSUANT TO SECTION 252(b) OF THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)

O R D E R

On August 13, 2001, Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") 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. The agreement was submitted pursuant to the Order of July 13, 2001 in this proceeding. The agreement was arbitrated 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.

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

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and Sprint is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of September, 2001.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

W. H. Fowler
Deputy Executive Director