

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE REVIEW OF BELLSOUTH)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S PRICE)	CASE NO.
REGULATION PLAN)	2003-00304

O R D E R

On August 1, 2003, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") filed its 3-year review of its transition regulation plan. BellSouth sought only one change to the structure of its regulation. In a proposed tariff, BellSouth asked that its regulation plan be changed from a 3-year pilot to a plan that would "continue until the Commission approves revisions."¹ This proposed tariff that BellSouth filed August 1, 2003 had an effective date of September 1, 2003. On August 25, 2003, the Commission suspended the effective date of this proposed tariff to and including January 31, 2004.

On January 23, 2004, BellSouth, by letter, agreed to an extension of 60 days for the Commission to review this proposed tariff. The extension was necessitated by the Commission's decision to conduct a management audit. The audit has now been completed. Parties have until March 29, 2004 to comment on the audit findings. Thus, a further extension is needed. By letter dated March 11, 2004, BellSouth agreed to extend the review for 30 more days. Accordingly, the Commission finds that, pursuant

¹ A 36 Transition Regulation Plan located at A 36.1.2.A on first revised page one.

to KRS 278.190, further investigation needed to determine the reasonableness of the proposed tariff should be concluded by April 30, 2004.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The proposed tariff filing of BellSouth is suspended for an additional period up to and including April 30, 2004.

2. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering a final order in this case prior to the termination of this suspension period.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 17th day of March, 2004.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director