COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS,)	
LLC FOR ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO)	CASE NO.
SECTION 252(b) OF THE COMMUNICATIONS)	2004-00055
ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED BY THE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996, FOR)	
RATES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS OF ITS)	
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH)	
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.)	

<u>ORDER</u>

On June 8, 2004, Level 3 Communications, LLC ("Level 3") submitted to the Commission an interconnection agreement. Initially, Level 3 sought resolution of certain issues through arbitration with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"). The parties settled their disputes and filed a negotiated agreement. An electronic copy of the agreement was also filed.

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.

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

- 1. The agreement between Level 3 and BellSouth is approved.
- 2. The April 16, 2004 procedural Order is moot.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 8th day of July, 2004.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director