COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S)NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISCONNECT METRO)CASE NO.TELECONNECT FOR NON-PAYMENT)2005-00490

<u>ORDER</u>

On November 30, 2005, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") provided written notice to the Commission of its intent to disconnect Metro Teleconnect ("Metro") for non-payment of bills.

BellSouth requests authorization to invoke the Emergency Service Continuity Tariff approved by this Commission on May 20, 2003 in Case No. 2002-00310.¹ Invoking this tariff is necessary only if Metro has not notified its end-users of the service disconnection. If the Emergency Service Continuity Tariff is invoked, BellSouth will continue to provide telephone service to Metro's customers for a minimum of 14 days after Metro ceases to operate.²

¹ Case No. 2003-00310, Customer Billing and Notice Requirements for Wireline Telecommunications Carriers Providing Service in Kentucky.

² BellSouth has notified the Commission of the number of affected customers. BellSouth asserts this information is confidential.

The Commission, having reviewed BellSouth's notice and having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. Metro shall notify the Commission within 7 calendar days of the date of this Order of its intent to pay the delinquent bill to BellSouth within 10 days of the date of this Order or, in the alternative, of its intent to notify its end-users of the proposed service disconnection. Such written comments shall include a copy of Metro's customer notice and an affidavit indicating when the notice was mailed and the number of Kentucky customers to whom it was mailed.

2. A copy of BellSouth's notice of intent to disconnect Metro is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

3. If Metro has not responded as prescribed in Ordering Paragraph 1 within 7 calendar days of the date of this Order, BellSouth shall implement the procedures established in its Emergency Service Continuity Tariff.

4. A copy of this Order shall be sent by certified mail to Metro.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of December, 2005.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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