

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION)
AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN)
BALLARD RURAL TELEPHONE)
COOPERATIVE CORP., INC. AND BIG) CASE NO. 2006-00192
RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC.)
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND 252)
OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)

O R D E R

On May 16, 2006, Big River Telephone Company, LLC ("Big River") submitted a request for expedited approval of its interconnection agreement with Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corp., Inc. ("Ballard"). Ballard and Big River had submitted to the Commission on April 21, 2006 their negotiated agreement for interconnection of their networks for the purpose of transmission and termination of telecommunications traffic. The agreement was approved by letter dated April 26, 2006 to be effective after 90 days by operation of law. 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.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the negotiated agreement between Ballard and Big River is approved effective the date of this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of May, 2006.

By the Commission

ATTEST:



Executive Director