COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SIGNED EAS
AGREEMENT BETWEEN FOOTHILLS RURAL
TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE AND ALEC, INC.

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CASE NO. 2008-00439

ORDER

On October 9, 2008, Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative and ALEC, Inc. submitted to the Commission their request for expedited approval of an agreement for facilities-based network interconnection for the mutual exchange of traffic.

The agreement was negotiated pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252. 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 request of Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative and ALEC, Inc. for expedited approval of their proposed interconnection agreement is granted effective the date of this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 21st day of October, 2008.

By the Commission

Executive Director