## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF COMPETITIVE CARRIERS OF THE SOUTH, INC. FOR A DECLARATORY ORDER AFFIRMING THAT THE INTERCONNECTION REGIMES UNDER KRS 278.530 AND 47 U.S.C. § 251 ARE TECHNOLOGY NEUTRAL

) ) ) CASE NO. ) 2015-00283

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## <u>ORDER</u>

On August 14, 2015, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 19, Competitive Carriers of the South, Inc. ("CompSouth") filed a petition for a declaratory order to determine the interconnection rights of telecommunications carriers that provide voice services using Internet Protocol ("IP") format. CompSouth requests that the Commission declare that: (1) the interconnection regimes under 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252 and KRS 278.530 apply on a technology-neutral basis; and (2) that 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252 and KRS 278.530 permit a telecommunications carrier to file a petition with the Commission requesting an Order prescribing the rates, terms, and conditions of a proposed interconnection with an incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC").

The Commission notes that CompSouth requests Commission action that, if granted, could directly and materially impact all ILECs, as well as any telecommunications provider that interconnects or can interconnect with the ILECs in Kentucky. These potentially impacted entities include competitive local exchange providers ("CLEC") and commercial mobile radio service providers ("CMRS"). CompSouth included no certificate or other proof that any telecommunications provider in Kentucky was served with a copy of the petition. Due to the potential impact, the Commission will require CompSouth to serve a copy of the petition on all ILECs, CLECs, and CMRS providers in Kentucky in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 19(3), with proof of service filed with the Commission.

807 KAR 5:001, Section 19(4), provides that a response to a petition for a declaratory order may be filed within 21 days of the filing of the petition with the Commission, with a reply due 14 days thereafter. However, because of our decision to require CompSouth to serve the petition on all ILECs, CLECs, and CMRS providers in Kentucky, responses to the petition and replies thereto may be filed with the Commission by the dates set forth below. The Commission will consider the merits of any response filed, but the person filing the response will not be considered a party to the case unless a motion to intervene is filed and granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. CompSouth shall serve a copy of the petition for declaratory order on all ILECs, CLECs, and CMRS providers in Kentucky no later than September 14, 2015, with proof of service filed with the Commission.

2. Responses to the petition for declaratory order, if any, shall be filed no later than October 5, 2015.

3. Motions to Intervene shall be filed no later than October 5, 2015.

4. Replies to responses, if any, shall be filed no later than October 19, 2015.

ATTEST Executive Director

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