

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULES AND RELATED)	ADMINISTRATIVE
FILINGS CONCERNING EQUAL ACCESS)	CASE NO. 354
COMPETITION)	

O R D E R

By Order dated March 1, 1995, the Commission established this proceeding for the purpose of gathering all filings required by Order dated December 29, 1994 in Administrative Case No. 323.¹ Included in these filings are implementation schedules related to intraLATA equal access competition. The schedules reflect intraLATA equal access conversion dates for each company by central office. The order in Administrative Case No. 323 required that conversion commence by July 1995 and be concluded by June 1998.

On May 3, 1995, Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("Duo") submitted a letter to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") advising BellSouth that Duo needed a waiver from Commission conversion dates. The request involved three of Duo's four central offices and, if granted, would allow Duo to delay implementation of intraLATA equal access in the three offices until April 1999, October 1999 and December 1999, respectively.

¹ Administrative Case No. 323, An Inquiry Into IntraLATA Toll Competition, An Appropriate Scheme For Completion of IntraLATA Calls by Interexchange Carriers, And WATS Jurisdictionality.

On June 1, 1995, BellSouth filed the semiannual update of the intraLATA equal access conversion schedule. Included in the transmittal letter was a notice to the Commission that BellSouth, on behalf of Duo, sought the request for waiver.

Therefore, to give the necessary consideration to Duo's requested deviation from the Commission's conversion dates, Duo should refile its request for waiver including a detailed explanation of need and reasons it should not have to comply with this Commission's Order and with the Federal Communications Commission order that requires all LECs to implement intraLATA and interLATA toll dialing parity no later than February 8, 1999.²

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that within 30 days of the date of this Order, Duo shall file with the Commission its request for waiver from the established intraLATA equal access conversion dates.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 14th day of October, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director

² Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (CC Docket 96-98) Second Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order, released August 8, 1996 at paragraph 59.