

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

REQUEST OF BELLSOUTH)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR)
CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF)
COST SUPPORT MATERIAL FILED) CASE NO. 96-176
WITH THE CONTRACT WITH VENCOR,)
INC., FOR AN OVERFLOW)
ARRANGEMENT FILED WITH THE)
COMMISSION ON APRIL 23, 1996)

O R D E R

This matter arising upon petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), filed April 24, 1996, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, for confidential protection of the cost support data developed in connection with BellSouth's proposed contract with Vencor, Inc. for provision of an overflow arrangement on direct inward dial ("DID") trunk groups on the grounds that disclosure of the information is likely to cause BellSouth competitive injury, and it appearing to this Commission as follows:

BellSouth has contracted with Vencor to provide an overflow arrangement on DID trunk groups. Vencor has several PBX sites served by a central office and the contracted arrangement will allow DID calls to a busy trunk group to be transferred to one of the other trunk groups served by that same office. In support of its application for approval of a contract, BellSouth has provided cost data which it seeks to protect as confidential.

The information sought to be protected is not known outside of BellSouth and is not disseminated within BellSouth except to those employees who have a legitimate business need to know and act upon the information. BellSouth seeks to preserve and protect the confidentiality of the information through all appropriate means, including the maintenance of appropriate security at its offices.

To transfer calls to another trunk group, as provided in this contract, is similar to the grouping service on PBX trunks, and the cost is the same as for grouping service. Similar functionality is available from interexchange carriers for handling incoming toll traffic. In addition, there will likely be various participants in the competitive local market who will provide similar grouping type services. Disclosure of the information sought to be protected would enable competitors to determine BellSouth's cost and contribution from the service which they could use in devising strategy to market their competing services. Therefore, disclosure of the information is likely to cause BellSouth competitive injury, and the information should be protected as confidential.

This Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised,

IT IS ORDERED that the cost support data filed in support of the proposed contract with Vencor, Inc. for provision of an overflow arrangement of DID trunk groups, which BellSouth has petitioned to be withheld from public disclosure, shall be held and retained by this Commission as confidential and shall not be opened for public inspection.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 9th day of May, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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ATTEST:

Don Mills
Executive Director