

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE INTERCONNECTION)
AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS)
BETWEEN AT&T COMMUNICATIONS)
OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL STATES,) CASE NO. 96-478
INC. AND GTE SOUTH)
INCORPORATED PURSUANT TO 47)
U.S.C.)

O R D E R

On December 18, 1996, the parties herein filed a joint motion to amend the petition and response in this case to clarify that the issues presented for decision include only those listed by the parties in an attachment to their joint motion. The parties further state that, as they have agreed that they wish the Commission only to rule on these specified issues and that they desire to choose their own contract language to implement the Commission's decisions, these portions of the Commission's October 21, 1996 Order are moot: (1) the requirement that the parties submit agreed-upon portions of their contract by December 20; and (2) the requirement that the parties submit their best and final offer on each disputed issue by December 20. Accordingly, the parties move the Commission to vacate these portions of the October 21, 1996 Order.

The emphasis of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub.L. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, pursuant to which this arbitration takes place, is on free negotiations between the parties. Consequently, the parties' motion is well taken, and should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The joint motion is granted.

2. The petition and response in this case are amended to the extent necessary to clarify that the Commission will decide only those issues included on the list submitted with the parties' joint motion.

3. The portions of the Commission's Order of October 21, 1996, which required the parties to submit agreed-upon portions of their contract and their best and final offers on each disputed issue in contract form, are hereby vacated as moot.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 8th day of January, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director