

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT )  
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN AT&T )  
COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTH ) CASE NO. 96-482  
CENTRAL STATES, INC. AND BELLSOUTH )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. PURSUANT )  
TO 47 U.S.C. § 252 )

O R D E R

This matter arising upon the request of AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. ("AT&T"), filed January 10, 1997, for confidential protection of the cost study information filed in response to the Commission's request, and it appearing to this Commission as follows:

At the hearing held in this matter on January 6, 1997, the Commission requested that AT&T file the cost study information which it seeks to protect as confidential. In making its request, AT&T noted that cost study information filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") in this proceeding was granted confidential protection by Order of the Commission on December 20, 1996. Because of the similarity between BellSouth's cost study information and that filed by AT&T, AT&T has also requested that its information be protected as confidential.

KRS 61.872(1) requires information filed with the Commission to be available for public inspection unless specifically exempted by statute. Exemptions from this requirement are provided in KRS 61.878(1). The procedure for obtaining confidential

protection for information filed with the Commission is provided in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7. That regulation requires among other things that those requesting confidential protection file a petition with the Commission setting forth the grounds upon which they rely. AT&T has not met the procedural requirements of the regulation, and the information cannot be protected as confidential.

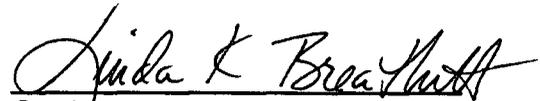
This Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The request to protect the cost studies filed by AT&T as confidential is hereby denied.
2. The information sought to be protected shall be held and retained by this Commission as confidential and shall not be open for public inspection for a period of 20 days from the date of this Order to allow AT&T to file a petition in accordance with the regulation.
3. If at the expiration of the 20-day period no petition has been filed by AT&T, the information shall be placed in the public record without further Orders herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 16th day of January, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

  
Commissioner