

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,)
INC.'S APPLICATION TO RESTRUCTURE) CASE NO. 97-074
RATES)

O R D E R

On February 14, 1997, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") submitted its notice of intent to file a rate restructuring application with the Commission in early March. In its filing, BellSouth requested permission to deviate from the requirements of 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(1).

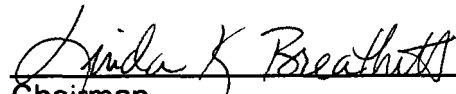
807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(1), requires that utilities with gross revenues in excess of \$1,000,000 notify the Commission in writing of their intent to file a rate application at least four weeks prior to filing. BellSouth had intended to file its application in early March. To date, the application has not been filed. Since more than four weeks' notice will have been given to the Commission before the application is filed, this request is moot.

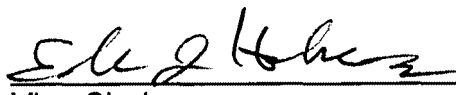
The regulation further requires that at the same time utilities shall request permission to use an abbreviated form of newspaper notice of the proposed rate increase which includes a coupon which may be used to obtain a copy of the full schedule of the rate changes. Having reviewed the filing and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that BellSouth should be granted permission to deviate from the above-cited regulation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that BellSouth's request for permission to use abbreviated newspaper notice pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(1), is hereby granted.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of March, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director