

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT                    )  
BETWEEN BELLSOUTH                                )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND                ) CASE NO. 97-348  
GTE COMMUNICATIONS                            )  
CORPORATION                                        )

O R D E R

On July 31, 1997, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and GTE Communications Corporation ("GTE Communications") submitted to the Commission their negotiated agreement for resale of BellSouth services. The agreement was negotiated pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act"), 47 U.S.C. Sections 251 and 252. Section 252(e) of the 1996 Act requires the parties to an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation to submit the agreement for approval to the Commission.

The Commission has reviewed the agreement and finds that no portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of this agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

GTE Communications must comply with all relevant Commission mandates for serving in this Commonwealth.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:


1. The negotiated agreement between BellSouth and GTE Communications is approved.

2. GTE Communications shall file a tariff for local service prior to providing local service giving 30-days' notice to the Commission and shall comply with all Commission regulations and orders as directed.

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


PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director