

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE	)
PROPRIETY OF PROVISION OF INTERLATA	)
SERVICES BY BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNI-	) CASE NO. 96-608
CATIONS, INC. PURSUANT TO THE	)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996	)

O R D E R

On December 22, 1997, the Commission entered its Order granting the motion of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") for a formal conference to update the Commission on the status of its operational support systems ("OSS"). On December 31, 1997, AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. ("AT&T") filed a motion requesting the Commission to reconsider its Order or, in the alternative, to clarify its Order and to specify certain procedures to be used during the conference.

AT&T asserts that, because a hearing in this matter has been concluded and post-hearing briefs filed, the evidentiary record is closed. AT&T also states that the formal conference will serve no purpose. The Commission disagrees with the latter statement and finds unpersuasive AT&T's argument that the Commission should not receive additional evidence at this juncture. In the matter of BellSouth's entry into Kentucky's interLATA market, this Commission is to act as an advisor to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). It would be most imprudent for this Commission to refuse to hear relevant new evidence and, as a result, provide to the FCC a recommendation based on outdated information. Accordingly, AT&T's motion to reconsider should be denied.

AT&T also states it does not know whether the Commission intends to consider the evidence given during the conference and, if so, for what purpose. The preceding paragraph should provide ample clarification on these issues. AT&T also states other parties should be permitted to rebut BellSouth's presentation. As should also be made clear in the preceding paragraph, this Commission will consider relevant updates to information previously provided by any party. All parties will have the opportunity to cross-examine BellSouth witnesses who present evidence regarding BellSouth's OSS during the conference. Each witness shall be sworn, and the conference shall be transcribed.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that AT&T's motion to reconsider is denied, and its motion to clarify is granted as stated herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 5th day of January, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
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For the Commission

ATTEST:

  
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Executive Director