COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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ORDER

On January 15, 1998, the Commission approved the negotiated agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Third Kentucky Cellular Corp. ("Third Kentucky Cellular") for the interconnection of their networks and the unbundling of specific network elements. On April 6, 1998, BellSouth and Third Kentucky Cellular submitted the first amendment to their agreement. The amendment 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 amendment and finds that no portion of the amendment discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of this amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the negotiated amendment between BellSouth and Third Kentucky Cellular is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 29th day of April, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director