

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPROVAL OF THE )  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT )  
NEGOTIATED BY BELL SOUTH )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND )  
APPALACHIAN CELLULAR GENERAL ) CASE NO. 98-080  
PARTNERSHIP PURSUANT TO )  
SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 )

O R D E R

On February 9, 1998, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Appalachian Cellular General Partnership ("Appalachian Cellular") submitted to the Commission a negotiated agreement for the interconnection of their networks and the unbundling of specific network elements offered by BellSouth. 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.

Appalachian Cellular 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 Appalachian Cellular is approved.

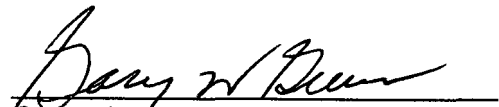
2. Appalachian Cellular shall file a tariff for local service prior to providing local service giving 30-days' notice to the Commission and shall comply with all Commission regulations and orders as directed.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 17th day of March, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director