

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPROVAL OF THE)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
NEGOTIATED BY BELL SOUTH)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND US) CASE NO. 98-088
LEC OF NORTH CAROLINA L.L.C.)
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND)
252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
ACT OF 1996)

O R D E R

On July 20, 1998, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and US LEC of North Carolina L.L.C. ("USLEC") submitted to the Commission a renegotiated agreement for the interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements, and for the resale of BellSouth's 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, except that the agreement contains a federal charge required by 47 C.F.R. Section 51.617 which is incorrect.

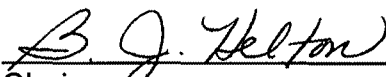
USLEC must comply with all relevant Commission mandates for serving in this Commonwealth.


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

1. The renegotiated agreement between BellSouth and USLEC is approved, subject to the correction of the federal charge referenced herein.
2. Within 30 days from the date of this Order, the agreement approved herein shall be updated to reflect accurate federal charges.
3. USLEC 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 14th day of September, 1998.

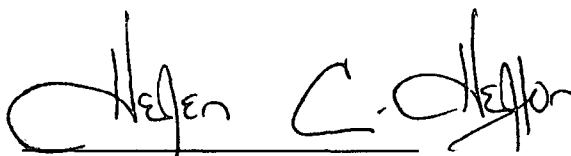
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


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ATTEST:


Executive Director