

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPROVAL OF THE)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
NEGOTIATED BY BELL SOUTH)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND) CASE NO. 98-136
AXSYS, INC. PURSUANT TO)
SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)

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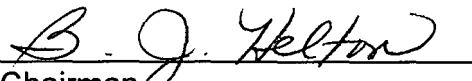
On April 29, 1998, the Commission approved an interconnection agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and AXSYS, Inc. ("AXSYS"). On August 13, 1998, BellSouth and AXSYS submitted to the Commission their renegotiated agreement for interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements, and 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.

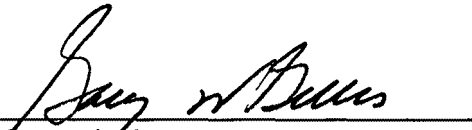
The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the renegotiated agreement between BellSouth and AXSYS is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of September, 1998.

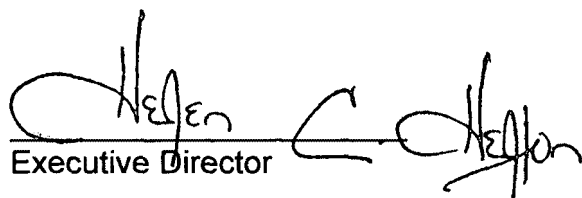
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Executive Director