

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPROVAL OF THE)	
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)	
NEGOTIATED BY BELLSOUTH)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND)	CASE NO. 96-382
E.SPIRE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)	
F/K/A AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS)	
SERVICES, INC., PURSUANT TO)	
SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)	

O R D E R

On December 6, 1996, the Commission approved an interconnection agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) and e.spire Communications, Inc. f/k/a American Communications Services, Inc. (e.spire). On January 7, 1999 and February 17, 1999, BellSouth and e.spire submitted to the Commission amendments to their interconnection agreement. The agreements were 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 amendments and finds that no portion of the amendments discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of these amendments is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the amendments are approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of March, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director