

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPROVAL OF THE)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
NEGOTIATED BY GTE SOUTH)
INCORPORATED AND SPRINT) CASE NO. 97-160
SPECTRUM L.P. PURSUANT TO)
SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)

O R D E R

On April 16, 1997, the Commission approved an interconnection agreement between GTE South Incorporated ("GTE") and Sprint Spectrum L.P. ("Sprint"). On November 9, 1999, GTE and Sprint submitted to the Commission a renewal of their interconnection agreement. 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 renewal and finds that no portion of it discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of this renewal is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the agreement is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of December, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director