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. 97-211
HYPERION COMMUNICATIONS OF)
KENTUCKY, INC. PURSUANT TO)
SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)

<u>O R D E R</u>

On May 16, 1997, the Commission approved an interconnection agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) and Hyperion Communications of Kentucky, Inc. (Hyperion). On May 6, 1999, BellSouth and Hyperion submitted to the Commission an amendment to their interconnection agreement. On July 8, 1999, BellSouth and Hyperion submitted to the Commission their renegotiated 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 renegotiated 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:

- As the renegotiated agreement supersedes the amendment filed with the
 Commission on May 6, 1999, no action will be taken on the amendment.
 - The renegotiated agreement between BellSouth and Hyperion is approved.
 Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 26th day of July, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:		
Executive Director	_	