

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. 97-403  
U S WEST INTERPRISE AMERICA, INC. )  
D/B/A INTERPRISE AMERICA, )  
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND )  
252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS )  
ACT OF 1996 )

O R D E R

On December 18, 1997, the Commission approved an interconnection agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ( BellSouth ) and U S West Interprise America, Inc. d/b/a Interprise America ( Interprise ). On October 13, 1999 and November 10, 1999, BellSouth and Interprise submitted to the Commission amendments to their interconnection agreement. The amendments 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 either 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director