

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. 98-052  
STATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. )  
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND )  
252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS )  
ACT OF 1996 )

O R D E R

On March 10, 1998, the Commission approved an interconnection agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ( BellSouth ) and State Communications, Inc. ( State ). On May 10, 1999, BellSouth and State 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 renegotiated 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 State is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director