

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPROVAL OF THE)	
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)	
NEGOTIATED BY BELL SOUTH)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND)	CASE NO. 98-516
OPTILINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)	
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND)	
252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	
ACT OF 1996)	

O R D E R

On November 19, 1998, the Commission approved an interconnection agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) and OptiLink Communications, Inc. (OptiLink). On September 7, 1999, BellSouth and OptiLink submitted to the Commission their renegotiated interconnection agreement. On September 20, 1999, BellSouth filed an attachment to the interconnection agreement which it inadvertently omitted from the original filing. 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 OptiLink is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10th day of November, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director