COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF THE ELECTRIC AND WATER PLANT BOARD OF THE CITY OF FRANKFORT FOR ARBITRATION OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. PURSUANT TO SECTION 252(b) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

CASE NO. 99-443

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

On April 12, 2000, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and The Electric and Water Plant Board of the City of Frankfort, Kentucky ("Frankfort Plant Board") submitted to the Commission their agreement for interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements, and the resale of BellSouth's services. The agreement was submitted pursuant to the March 13, 2000 Order in this proceeding. 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 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 agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the agreement between BellSouth and Frankfort Plant Board is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of April, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Mas Jule _____ Executive Director