

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S)	CASE NO.
PETITION FOR WAIVER FOR THE WESTPORT)	2000-156
ROAD CENTRAL OFFICE)	

O R D E R

On April 3, 2000, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") filed notice of its intent to submit a petition for waiver from the physical collocation requirements of the 1996 Telecommunications Act ("the Act") and the Federal Communications Commission's First Report and Order, CC-Docket No. 96-98 ("FCC Order"). On May 8, 2000, BellSouth filed its petition for waiver requesting exemption from the physical collocation requirements set forth in Section 251(c) (6) of the Act and the FCC Order for the Westport Road central office located at 9100 Westport Road, Louisville, Kentucky. BellSouth seeks this exemption because it is unable to meet physical collocation requests due to space limitations in the central office.

BellSouth provided documentation identifying the space currently available for physical collocation by taking the total square footage of the facility (11,002 sq. ft.) and deducting the following: Unavailable Space (1,039 sq. ft.), Occupied Space (9,368 sq. ft.), and Space Reserved for Future Defined Use (595 sq. ft.). The resulting calculation shows 0 sq. ft. available for physical collocation.

BellSouth noted that a building next door to the existing central office is currently under renovation to allow the installation of central office equipment. The renovation is

expected to be complete by the third quarter of this year. On July 24, 2000, BellSouth filed a status report on the renovation and advised the Commission that the anticipated completion date is October 15, 2000.

The Commission finds that BellSouth has supplied sufficient evidence to demonstrate that physical collocation is not practical at this time due to space limitations. Thus, the petition for waiver from physical collocation requirements at the Westport Road central office should be granted. The Commission further finds that the waiver should expire upon completion of the expansion of central office space discussed above or October 31, 2000, whichever occurs first.

Accordingly, the Commission, having considered the evidence of record, HEREBY ORDERS that:


1. BellSouth is granted a temporary waiver from physical collocation requirements at the Westport Road central office based on its adequate demonstration of space limitations.

2. The waiver shall expire upon the earlier of completion of the expansion of central office space discussed herein, or October 31, 2000.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 23rd day of August, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:



Executive Director