COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE PETITION FOR ARBITRATION OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND US LEC OF TENNESSEE, INC. PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

CASE NO. 2000-419

<u>order</u>

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") has petitioned for arbitration of certain issues between itself and US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. ("US LEC"). BellSouth asserts that its interconnection agreement with US LEC was slated to expire August 20, 2000, but that both parties have agreed to continue service pursuant to the terms of that agreement until a new interconnection agreement is in effect. Such an agreement, according to BellSouth, will be retroactive to August 20, 2000.

On October 30, 2000, US LEC, by facsimile copy, notified the Commission that it has reached an agreement with BellSouth regarding the terms of the interconnection agreement to succeed the current agreement. The parties propose to incorporate the terms of the existing interconnection agreement between BellSouth and Time-Warner. This negotiated agreement will be filed in this proceeding in the near future. The parties now request that the Commission suspend the procedural schedule entered October 19, 2000.

The Commission, having considered the notice of US LEC and having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the procedural schedule be suspended until further notice. Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 2nd day of November, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director