

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

REVIEW OF AN AGREEMENT	)	
BETWEEN VERIZON SOUTH INC. AND	)	CASE NO. 2001-155
FIRST CHOICE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	)	
PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. § 252(i)	)	

O R D E R

On May 15, 2001, Verizon South Inc. f/k/a GTE South Incorporated ("Verizon") and First Choice Technologies, Inc. ("First Choice") submitted to the Commission their negotiated interconnection agreement and their Supplemental Agreement No. 1. First Choice is purporting to adopt the arbitrated interconnection agreement between AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. and Verizon that was approved by the Commission in Case No. 96-478.<sup>1</sup> The adoption letter and Supplemental Agreement No. 1, comprising the only documents memorializing the parties' principal agreement, were negotiated pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act"), 47 U.S.C. §§ 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 96-478, Petition by AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of a Proposed Agreement with GTE South Incorporated Concerning Interconnection and Resale Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. (Order dated July 30, 1999).

The Commission has reviewed the documents and finds that no portion thereof discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

First Choice must comply with all relevant Commission mandates for serving in this Commonwealth.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. This agreement negotiated between Verizon and First Choice is approved.
2. First Choice shall file a tariff for local service prior to providing local service giving 30 days' notice to the Commission and shall comply with all Commission regulations and orders as directed.
3. Within 10 days of the date of this Order, Verizon shall file with the Commission a true and complete copy of the agreement approved herein in Microsoft® Word 97 format on 3.5-inch high-density diskette.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2001.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director