

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION BY ALLTEL CORPORATION TO)	
ACQUIRE THE KENTUCKY ASSETS OF)	CASE NO.
VERIZON SOUTH INCORPORATED)	2001-399

O R D E R

On information and belief, ALLTEL Corporation ("ALLTEL") and Verizon South Incorporated ("Verizon") will soon file a petition for the transfer of the Kentucky assets of Verizon to ALLTEL. Because time is of the essence, the Commission, on its own motion, hereby opens this proceeding to investigate the reasonableness of the proposed acquisition. The Commission finds that the following procedural schedule shall be followed for this docket:

1. First Commission Staff Data Request shall be issued November 21, 2001, with responses due December 10, 2001.
2. There shall be an informal conference on December 6, 2001, beginning at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.
3. Second Commission Staff Data Request and data requests from any party shall be issued December 14, 2001, with responses due January 3, 2002.
4. Prefiled testimony of all witnesses shall be due January 4, 2002.
5. There shall be a public hearing commencing January 9, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

6. Post-hearing briefs, if any, shall be filed no later than January 18, 2002.

7. A copy of this Order shall be served upon the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Office of Rate Intervention, 1024 Capital Center Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

BE IT SO ORDERED.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 21st day of November, 2001.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director