

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AND SELECTION)	ADMINISTRATIVE
OF A VENDOR FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	CASE NO. 372
RELAY SERVICE)	

ORDER

On June 25, 2002, the Commission issued an order requiring that each incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) and competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) collect and report the Telecommunications Relay Service and Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TRS/TDD) surcharge for retail accounts effective August 1, 2002. BellSouth is currently collecting and remitting this surcharge for both retail and resale accounts. BellSouth does not bill the surcharge on UNE accounts.

On July 15, 2002, BellSouth petitioned the Commission for an extension of time to December 17, 2002 to implement the Commission s order. BellSouth states in its petition that it will take in excess of 350 hours of coding work to make this change to its billing system. BellSouth also states that it will provide the Commission with a plan by the end of August and status reports until the billing change order is implemented. The Commission finds that there is just cause to grant the motion.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. By no later than December 17, 2002, BellSouth shall make the necessary changes to implement the Commission s June 25, 2002, Order.

2. By August 31, 2002, BellSouth shall file a plan outlining the steps it will take to modify its billing systems.

3. BellSouth shall notify all CLECs that resell BellSouth service that it will continue collecting and remitting the TRS/TDD surcharge until the billing change is made.

4. All CLECs that provide service through resale of BellSouth service shall not be required to comply with the Commission's June 25, 2002 Order for their BellSouth resold accounts until BellSouth has completed its billing changes. However, these CLECS will be required to collect and remit the TRS/TDD surcharge on any access lines that they provide on a basis other than BellSouth resold service.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 24th day of July, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director