

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF SOUTHEAST TELEPHONE, INC.)
FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER) CASE NO. 2002-00080

ORDER

On March 11, 2002, Southeast Telephone Company, Inc. (Southeast) petitioned the Commission to designate Southeast an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) pursuant to FCC Section 214(e) and 47 CFR 54.201. On May 29, 2002, the Commission granted the motion of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) to intervene in this matter. If granted ETC status, Southeast s proposed service area will include study areas currently served by BellSouth; Verizon South, Inc.; Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company; ALLTEL Kentucky, Inc.; Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company, Inc.; Leslie County Telephone Company, Inc.; Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.; Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; and Mountain Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

It appears to the Commission that comments from these companies, the parties, and other members of the public will assist the Commission in fully considering Southeast s petition. Accordingly, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, the parties herein and any interested person may submit written comments to the Commission regarding Southeast s petition.

2. Any request for a hearing in this matter shall be made no later than July 10, 2002.

3. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Southeast shall submit to the Commission a list of all the study areas in which it seeks ETC status.

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

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Deputy W. H. Fowler
Executive Director