

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,) CASE NO.
INC. SEEKING RESOLUTION OF THIRD PARTY) 2003-00045
TRANSIT TRAFFIC ISSUES)

ORDER

On April 23, 2003, the Commission granted a request for stay not to exceed 90 days during the pendency of settlement negotiations. On July 21, 2003, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) and the Independent Telephone Group¹ (ITG) advised the Commission that no final settlement has been reached. They request an extension of two weeks to continue settlement negotiations.

The Commission, having considered the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the request for an extension to August 4, 2003 is granted. BellSouth and the ITG shall present their settlement agreement to the Commission for its approval and for comment by intervenors in the case or, in the alternative, shall advise the Commission that no settlement could be reached.

¹ The Independent Telephone Group is a group of small and rural local exchange carriers providing service throughout Kentucky. The group includes Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative; Brandenburg Telephone Company; Coalfields Telephone Company; Duo County Telephone Cooperative; Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative; Highland Telephone Cooperative; Logan Telephone Cooperative; Mountain Telephone Cooperative; North Central Telephone Cooperative; Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative; South Central Rural Telephone Cooperative; Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company; and West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 24th day of July, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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