

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 Group<sup>1</sup> ( ITG ) advised the Commission that no final settlement has been reached. They request an extension of two weeks to continue settlement negotiations. On August 4, 2003, BellSouth and the ITG requested yet another extension. On August 25, 2003, the parties notified the Commission that they are still negotiating and requested more time to settle.

The Commission, having considered the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that an extension to September 19, 2003 is granted. BellSouth and the ITG shall present their settlement agreement to the Commission for

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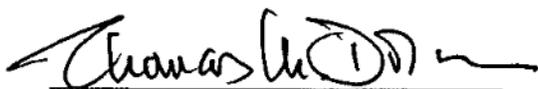
<sup>1</sup> The Independent Telephone Group is a group of small and rural local exchange carriers providing service throughout Kentucky. The group includes Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative; Brandenburg Telephone Company; Coalfields Telephone Company; Duo County Telephone Cooperative; Foothills Rural 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.

its approval and for comment by intervenors in the case or, in the alternative, shall advise the Commission that no settlement could be reached.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director