COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF SOUTHEAST TELEPHONE, INC.,) FOR ARBITRATION OF CERTAIN TERMS AND) CONDITIONS OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT) WITH BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,) INC. CONCERNING INTERCONNECTION) UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF) 1996)

CASE NO. 2006-00316

<u>ORDER</u>

SouthEast Telephone, Inc. ("SouthEast") petitioned for arbitration seeking resolution of multiple issues between itself and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"). The Telecom Act of 1996 imposes deadlines upon this proceeding. Brevity, as well as clarity of expression and position, is of the essence. It is imperative that the Commission receive appropriate information in a timely manner. Accordingly, the following guidelines and procedural schedule shall apply to this proceeding. Parties have indicated to the Commission that they began negotiating on a date that, as determined by 47 U.S.C. § 252, would cause the Commission to be required to enter its final Order by March 7, 2007.

Reduction of the proposed agreement to writing is the responsibility of the parties. The Commission encourages the parties to continue their negotiations during the pendency of this proceeding and to narrow the range of issues to be arbitrated to the extent possible.

Although the Commission is not, pursuant to KRS 278.310, bound by the technical rules of legal evidence, the parties hereto are hereby put on notice that cumulative, repetitive, and irrelevant evidence will not be heard in the formal hearing in this matter. In addition, unless special leave is granted, all direct testimony shall be prefiled. All oral testimony at the formal hearing shall be offered pursuant to cross-examination or redirect examination.

The Commission, being sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the parties shall abide by the schedule set forth in Appendix A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 30th day of August, 2006.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2006-00316 DATED AUGUST 30, 2006

| Written requests for information shall be filed with the Commission and served electronically on all parties no later than |
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| Responses and all objections to requests for information shall be filed and served electronically no later than |
| Direct testimony of all witnesses shall be filed and served electronically no later than |
| Supplemental requests for information shall be filed with the Commission and served electronically on all parties no later than |
| Responses and objections to supplemental requests for information shall be filed and served electronically no later than |
| Rebuttal testimony shall be filed and served electronically no later than |
| Public hearing shall begin at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower |
| Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 01/09/07 |
| Briefs shall be filed by 02/05/07 |
| Commission decision |