COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

PETITION BY AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL STATES, INC. AND TCG OHIO FOR ARBITRATION OF CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. § 252

CASE NO. 2000-00465

<u>ORDER</u>

On November 15, 2002, AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. ("AT&T") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") submitted to the Commission two amendments to their negotiated agreement for interconnection. In addition, TCG Ohio and BellSouth submitted to the Commission two amendments to their negotiated agreement for interconnection. The amendments were negotiated pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act"), 47 U.S.C. Sections 251 and 252. Section 252(e) of the 1996 Act requires the parties to an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation to submit the agreement for approval to the Commission.

The Commission has reviewed the amendments and finds that no portion thereof discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the amendments. The Commission also finds that the implementation of these amendments is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the negotiated amendments between BellSouth and AT&T and between BellSouth and TCG Ohio are approved and are effective as of the date of this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 2nd day of January, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director