

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
NEGOTIATED BY BELL SOUTH)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND)
LOUISVILLE LIGHTWAVE, L.P.) CASE NO. 97-211
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND)
252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
ACT OF 1996)

O R D E R

On April 21, 1997, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Louisville Lightwave, L.P. ("Louisville Lightwave") submitted to the Commission their negotiated agreement for interconnection and for resale of BellSouth services. The agreement was 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 agreement and finds that no portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of this agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

Louisville Lightwave must comply with all relevant Commission mandates for serving in this Commonwealth.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and Louisville Lightwave is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 16th day of May, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Linda K. Breathitt
Chairman

Eric J. Brees
Vice Chairman

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

Don Stills
Executive Director