

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
BETWEEN GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED AND) CASE NO.
HORIZON PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS,) 97-449
INC.)

O R D E R

On November 11, 1997, GTE South Incorporated ("GTE South") and Horizon Personal Communications, Inc. ("Horizon") filed with the Commission their negotiated interconnection agreement ("Agreement"). The Agreement was negotiated pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Act"), 47 U.S.C. §§251 and 252. Section 252(e) of the 1996 Act requires the parties to an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation to submit their agreement to the state commission for approval.

The Commission has reviewed the Agreement and finds that no portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not party to it. The Commission also finds that implementation of the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Accordingly, the Agreement should be approved.

The Commission, having been sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the negotiated Agreement of GTE South and Horizon is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of January, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

B. J. Helton
Chairman

E. J. Helton
Vice Chairman

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

Helen C. Helton
Executive Director