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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Development of an                    )  
Affiliate Transactions Rule for Telecom-                ) Case No. TO-96-328  
munications Companies.                                        )

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO CLOSE CASE**

This case was established in April of 1996 for the purpose of developing an affiliate transactions rule for telecommunications companies. Numerous parties intervened, filed comments, and met in a technical conference. Since then, the Commission has established a new procedure for rulemaking which elicits input and assistance from industry members, such as the intervenors in this case, before the formal process begins. This method gives industry participants more opportunity to participate in the development of a rule but still allows for the hearing and formal comment process once a rule has been published. The Commission has determined that the issue of an affiliate transactions rule for telecommunications will better be addressed using the new method. The Commission has already directed its Staff to begin work under this method. Accordingly, the parties are hereby notified that this case will be closed no later than August 31, 1998, unless good cause is shown.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

( S E A L )



**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 15th day of July, 1998.

Wickliffe, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge