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

In the Matter of Southwestern Bell Telephone )  
Company's Proposed Tariff Filed to Increase ) Case No. TT-99-385  
Activation Charge for Pay-Per-Use Auto Redial ) Tariff No. 9900616  
and Call Return; Increase Monthly Maximum. )

**NOTICE DIRECTING RESPONSE**

On February 24, 1999, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) submitted a tariff proposing an increase in the activation fee for its pay-per-use Auto Redial and Call Return services from \$0.50 to \$0.54, and an increase in the monthly maximum from \$4.00 to \$4.32. The tariff sheets (General Exchange Tariff, P.S.C. Mo. No. 35, Section 47, Fifth Revised Sheets No. 13.01 and 14.01, and Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 15) were assigned Tariff No. 9900616 and bear an effective date of April 1, 1999.

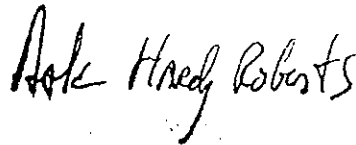
On March 9, 1999, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed a Motion to Reject Tariff. OPC contends that SWBT may not increase its prices as proposed because SWBT is now regulated as a price cap telecommunications company pursuant to Section 392.245, RSMo Supp. 1998, and the proposed increases will exceed the maximum allowable prices.

On March 15, 1999, SWBT filed its Response to OPC's motion, arguing that the services herein at issue are non-basic services, Section 386.020(35), RSMo Supp. 1998, and that it is permitted to raise the rates for such services by as much as eight percent annually.

Section 392.245.11, RSMo Supp. 1998. The Commission takes notice that the increases in question are exactly eight percent.

OPC may rebut SWBT's Response, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 19, 1999, advising the Commission why, under the law, the tariff revisions herein at issue ought not be approved. Otherwise, the Commission will approve the proposed tariff revisions as filed. Likewise, the Staff of the Public Service Commission shall advise the Commission of its position on this matter, by the same date and time set out herein for OPC's response.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 16th day of March, 1999.

Thompson, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

