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CASE NO: TA-2000-829

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Cypress)		
Communications Operating Company, Inc. for a)		
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide)		
Basic Local Telecommunications Services)	Case No.	TA-2000-829
throughout the State of Missouri and to)		
Classify Said Services and the Company as)		
Competitive)		

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Cypress Communications Operating Company, Inc. (CCOC) filed an application on June 19, 2000, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications services in portions of the state of Missouri and to classify said services and company as competitive. CCOC wishes to provide basic local exchange services, initially on a resale basis, in exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT), GTE Midwest Incorporated and Missouri Sprint, Inc. d/b/a Sprint.

On June 27, 2000, the Commission issued a notice directing interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than July 27, 2000, for basic local exchange authority. SWBT filed an application to intervene on July 27, 2000. SWBT stated that it has an interest in the Commission's decision because the services it provides will be in direct competition with CCOC if the certificate is granted. SWBT stated that its interest as a basic local exchange

telecommunications service provider differs from those of the general public. SWBT argued that no other party will adequately protect its interests in this matter and that its intervention would be in the public interest because of SWBT's expertise and experience in the telecommunications industry.

The Commission has reviewed SWBT's application to intervene and finds that it is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that SWBT has an interest in this matter which is different from that of the general public. 4 CSR 240-2.075. SWBT's request for intervention should be granted and the parties should file a proposed procedural schedule. The procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing. If no party requests a hearing, the Commission may grant the service authority and competitive classification requested without a hearing. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's application for intervention filed on July 27, 2000, in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4), is granted.
- 2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than November 27, 2000. The procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 3, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Shelly A. Register, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 24th day of October, 2000.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,

Missouri, this 24th day of Oct. 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge