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CASE NO: TC-2000-767

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Sincerely,

**Dale Hardy Roberts** 

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

#### STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 10th day of October, 2000.

Stone County Emergency Services,	)
Complainant,	)
v.	Case No. TC-2000-767
GTE Midwest Incorporated and	)
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company,	)
Respondents.	,

# ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND COMPLAINT AND FILE FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

On September 22, 2000, the Complainant, Stone County Emergency Services (Stone County) filed a Motion for Leave to Amend Complaint and File First Amended Complaint. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080(21), Stone County sought leave to amend its complaint by filing a First Amended Complaint. Stone County's motion indicates that it seeks leave to file an amended complaint because the other parties at the prehearing conference on August 10 expressed concern about the lack of specificity of the allegations in Stone County's Complaint. Stone County alleges that its First Amended Complaint does not create any new issues or controversies but instead attempts to clarify and provide greater specificity with respect to the issues and controversies between the parties. Stone County's First Amended Complaint was attached to its Motion for Leave to Amend Complaint.

On October 2, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed a response to Stone County's motion. SWBT disagrees with Stone County's representation that its amended complaint raises no new issues. SWBT

states that in Count III of the amended complaint, Stone County alleges that SWBT refuses to provide Stone County with a daily download of customer information. SWBT asserts that this is a new issue not raised in the previous complaint. Nevertheless, SWBT does not object to the Commission granting Stone County permission to amend its complaint, provided that Stone County fully responds to SWBT's pending data requests on or before October 17 and that the Commission grant SWBT fourteen days from the date that the Commission permits the filing of the amended complaint in which to file its answer to that amended complaint. No other party filed a response to Stone County's motion.

After considering Stone County's motion and SWBT's response to that motion, the Commission concludes that the motion should be granted. The Commission will allow all other parties an appropriate opportunity to answer Stone County's amended complaint. The Commission does not have sufficient information to require, as requested by SWBT, that Stone County answer specific data requests by a specific time. The Commission expects that Stone County will fully respond to all appropriate data requests, but, if SWBT is dissatisfied with Stone County's response, it may take appropriate action to bring its discovery dispute before the Commission for resolution.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That Stone County Emergency Services' Motion for Leave to Amend Complaint and File First Amended Complaint is granted.
- 2. That the Respondents, GTE Midwest Incorporated and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, shall file their answers to Stone County Emergency Services' First Amended Complaint no later than October 24, 2000.

3. That this order shall become effective on October 20, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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**Dale Hardy Roberts** 

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Lumpe, Ch., Murray, Schemenauer, and Simmons, CC., concur Drainer, C, absent

Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

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## 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge