

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY**

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CASE NO: TA-2000-712

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

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)
Fidelity Communications Services III, Inc.)
for a Certificate of Service Authority to)
Provide Basic Local Telecommunications) Case No. TA-2000-712
Services in Portions of the State of)
Missouri and to Classify Said Services and)
the Company as Competitive)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND
DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Fidelity Communications Services III, Inc. (FCSIII) filed an application on May 1, 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. FCSIII wishes to provide facilities-based and resold services in exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT).

On May 9, 2000, the Commission issued a notice directing interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than June 8, 2000. SWBT filed an application to intervene on May 30, 2000. SWBT stated that it has an interest in the Commission's decision because it provides basic local and local exchange telecommunications services and will be in direct competition with FCSIII if the certificate is granted. SWBT stated that its interest as a local exchange telecommunications service provider differs from those of the

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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).

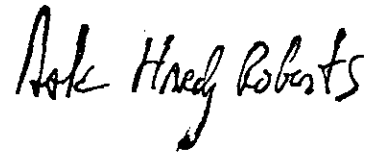
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's application for intervention filed on May 30, 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 4 p.m. on July 10, 2000. The procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing.

3. That this order shall become effective on June 19, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Shelly A. Register, Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of
authority pursuant to 4 CSR
240-2.120(1), (November 30, 1995)
and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 8th day of June, 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 8th day of June 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge