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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Motion to)	
Establish a Docket Investigating)	
the IntraLATA Toll Service)	
Provisioning Practices of Missouri)	
Interexchange Carriers, Public)	<u>Case No. TO-2000-16</u>
Utility or Common Carrier Duties of)	
Interexchange Carriers, Motion)	
to Show Cause, Request for Emergency)	
Hearing, and Alternative Petition)	
for Suspension and Modification)	

**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION, SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE,
AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Sprint Missouri, Inc. and Sprint Communications L.P., Birch Telecom of Missouri, Inc., and Excel Communications, Inc. timely filed applications to intervene on August 18, August 23, August 24, and August 25, 1999, respectively. The Commission has reviewed each of these applications and determined that they comply with 4 CSR 240-2.075. All of these entities will be granted intervention.

An early prehearing conference will be scheduled to afford the parties the opportunity to discuss, define, and possibly resolve the issues presented in this case, and to discuss a procedural schedule. The Commission will also set a date for the filing of a proposed schedule in order to ensure that this case progresses.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Sprint Missouri, Inc. and Sprint Communications L.P., Birch Telecom of Missouri, Inc., and Excel Communications, Inc. are granted intervention.

2. That a prehearing conference shall be held on October 15, 1999, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference shall be held at the Commission's office on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Anyone wishing to attend who has special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days before the prehearing conference at: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

3. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than October 28, 1999. The procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing.

4. That this order shall become effective on October 1,
1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Lewis Mills, Deputy Chief 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 21st day of September, 1999.

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