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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)		
KMC Telecom III, Inc., for Approval of an)	Case No.	TO-2000-307
Interconnection Agreement Under the Tele-)		
communications Act of 1996.)		

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO EXPEDITE CONSIDERATION OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

On October 29, 1999, KMC Telecom III, Inc. (KMC), filed an application with the Commission for approval of an interconnection agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). KMC noted that it was filing its basic local service tariff concurrent with the filing of the application because KMC desires to be in a position to provide service at the earliest possible time. KMC requested that the Commission grant expeditious approval of the agreement.

On November 12, 1999, KMC filed a Motion for Expedited Treatment in which it indicates that counsel for KMC has contacted Staff and Staff has agreed to complete its review of the interconnection agreement on an expedited schedule. KMC states that Staff has committed to filing its recommendation in time for the Commission to issue its order regarding the application prior to or concurrent with the proposed effective date of KMC's tariff, which is December 13, 1999. KMC noted that the Commission's order directing notice and

making SWBT a party gave Staff until January 7, 2000, to file its recommendation as to whether the application should be granted. This date would preclude coordination with the December 13, 1999, tariff effective date.

Counsel for KMC has contacted SWBT and the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and they have authorized KMC to indicate that they do not object to this Motion for Expedited Treatment.

In order that the Commission may consider KMC's application expeditiously, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission will be directed to expedite the filing of its recommendations regarding KMC's application. The Commission will not direct Staff to file its recommendation by a certain date, but will instead direct Staff to file its recommendation as soon as possible.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Public Service Commission shall expedite its consideration of the Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement filed by KMC Telecom III, Inc., and shall file its recommendations regarding that application as soon as possible.

2. That this order shall become effective on December 2, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Vicky Ruth, 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 22nd day of November, 1999.

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COMMEDION COUNSET