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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



Dale Hardy Roberts
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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