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STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 14th  
day of October, 1999.

In the Matter of ALLTEL Missouri, Inc.'s     ) Case No. TT-2000-268  
Proposed Tariff to Allow IXC Traffic to     ) Tariff File No. 200000251  
Utilize the Feature Group C Network         )

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFFS

On September 16, 1999, ALLTEL Missouri, Inc. (ALLTEL) filed tariff sheets to add an option for interexchange carriers to lease Feature Group C (FGC) facilities. The tariff bore an effective date of October 16, 1999. On October 8, 1999, Alma Telephone Company, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, Choctaw Telephone Company, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company, Modern Telecommunications Company, MoKan Dial, Inc., and Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company<sup>1</sup> filed a motion to suspend that tariff.

In its pleading, the MMG urges the Commission to suspend the tariff because it believes that the use of FGC for originating traffic should be eliminated, and it believes the tariff will expand this use. MMG also notes that the Commission is addressing, in Case No. TO-99-593, the broader question of the continued use of FGC, and asserts that it would be improper to approve ALLTEL's proposed tariff before a decision has been reached in TO-99-593. MMG states that although FGC and Feature

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<sup>1</sup> This group refers to itself as the Mid-Missouri Group of companies (MMG), although the members of that group vary from case to case.

Group D (FGD) have historically been used at the same time, the use of FGC has been limited to traffic originated by the incumbent Local Exchange Company (LEC). MMG states that approving ALLTEL's proposed tariff would thwart efforts to establish systems necessary to allow billing for terminating access based on traffic measurements created at the origination of the call.

On October 6, 1999, the Commission's Staff filed a memorandum in which it recommended that the tariff filing be approved. Staff states that ALLTEL's proposal is a reasonable solution to a problem arising from technical limitations which limit facilities-based carriers to assign only one Carrier Identification Code per customer. Staff believes that ALLTEL may be subject to this problem.

On October 12, 1999, ALLTEL filed a response to MMG's motion to suspend. ALLTEL notes that it modified its originally approved intraLATA dialing parity implementation plan to assign to its affiliate customers who might otherwise be without the ability to place 1+ intraLATA calls. However, it states that it was not able to augment FGD signaling from its tandem switch to all end offices by October 20, 1999.

ALLTEL asserts that MMG concerns are not well founded. ALLTEL states that it does not intend to place any originating toll other than intraLATA toll over the FGC network. It also states it will be solely responsible for the payment of terminating and intermediate transport access charges to all LECs providing a portion of the network, and that it will provide billing information to each LEC so that the LEC will be able to bill ALLTEL. ALLTEL states that it will be responsible for all

tariffed access charges regardless of what interexchange carrier provides retail toll service to end users.

Finally, ALLTEL states that, without the ability to use the FGC network that the proposed tariff would provide, an estimated 50,000 customers will not be able to place 1+ intraLATA calls.

The Commission does not have enough information to allow it to conclude that the proposed tariff is not detrimental to the public interest. In order to allow sufficient time to study the effect of the proposed tariff and establish an evidentiary record to determine if it is in the public interest, the proposed tariff will be suspended.

Proper parties should be given notice and an opportunity to intervene in this matter. The Records Department of the Commission shall send a copy of this order to all telecommunications companies certificated to do business in the state of Missouri.

MMG seeks intervention pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075. MMG states that its interest is different from that of the general public and that it will be able to provide information to, and share its expertise with, the Commission. The Commission finds that MMG's application to intervene is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and so will grant it.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the motion to suspend filed by Alma Telephone Company, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, Choctaw Telephone Company, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company, Modern Telecommunications Company, MoKan

Dial, Inc., and Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company on October 8, 1999, is granted and the tariff will be suspended.

2. That the proposed tariff sheets submitted on September 16, 1999, by ALLTEL Missouri, Inc., and assigned Tariff No. 200000251, and subsequently docketed as Case No. TO-2000-268, are suspended for a period of 120 days plus six months beyond October 16, 1999, to August 13, 2000, or until otherwise ordered by this Commission.

3. That the Records Department of the Commission shall provide notice as described in this order.

4. That any proper person or entity desiring to intervene shall, no later than November 3, 1999, submit an application to intervene to:

Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Copies of the application to intervene should be sent to:

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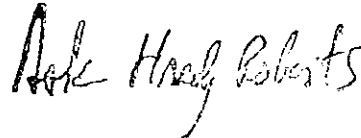
Office of the Public Counsel  
P.O. Box 7200  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

5. That the application to intervene filed by Alma Telephone Company, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, Choctaw Telephone

Company, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company, Modern Telecommunications Company, MoKan Dial, Inc., and Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company is granted.

7. That this order shall become effective on October 16, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts".

Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Drainer, and  
Schemenauer, CC., concur.  
Murray, C., dissents.

Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

**R E C E I V E D**

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COMMISSION COUNSEL  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION