

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Compass)
 Telecommunications, Inc. for a Certificate)
 of Service Authority to Provide Basic Local)
 Telecommunications Services, Local Exchange) Case No. TA-2000-180
 Telecommunications Services, Exchange)
 Access Services and Interexchange Tele-)
 communications Services in the State of)
 Missouri and for Competitive Classification)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Compass Telecommunications, Inc. (Compass) filed an application on August 23, 1999, for a certificate of service authority to provide resold and facilities-based basic local telecommunications services, local exchange telecommunications services, exchange access services, and interexchange telecommunications services in the state of Missouri under 4 CSR 240-2.060(4). Compass wishes to provide facilities-based and resold basic local exchange telecommunications services, exchange access services, and interexchange telecommunications services in all the exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT), GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE), and Sprint/United Telephone Company (United).

On August 31, the Commission issued a notice, directing parties to file applications to intervene no later than September 30, 1999. On September 17, 1999, SWBT filed its application to intervene in this proceeding. SWBT stated that it has an interest in the Commission's

decision in this case because it provides basic local exchange services and will be in direct competition with this company if the certificate is granted. 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 SWBT is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention. 4 CSR 240-2.075. The Commission finds that SWBT has an interest in this matter which is different from that of the general public. The Commission concludes that SWBT's application for intervention should be granted and that the parties should file a proposed procedural schedule. The procedural schedule shall include either dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing, or a date for the filing of a stipulation and agreement. 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 September 17, 1999, in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4) is granted.

2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than 3 p.m. on January 12, 2000. The procedural schedule

shall include either dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing, or a date for the filing of a stipulation and agreement.

3. That this order shall become effective on December 23, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Shelly R. 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 13th day of December, 1999.

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