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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of QWEST)
COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, for a Certificate)
of Authority to Provide Basic Local and Local) Case No. TA-2000-309
Exchange Intrastate Telecommunications)
Services within the State of Missouri.)

ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL TIME FOR RESPONSE AND DIRECTING
FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (QWEST or Applicant) applied to the Commission on October 29, 1999, for a certificate of service authority to provide competitive basic local and local exchange telecommunications services in the State of Missouri pursuant to Sections 392.430, 392.440, RSMo 1994, and 392.450 and 392.451, RSMo Supp. 1999.

The Commission determined that it desired additional information and on February 1, 2000, the Commission issued its Order Directing Additional Staff Review and Directing Filing. The Commission's Staff filed its report on March 9, 2000. QWEST filed its response on March 21, 2000. The Staff supplemented its suggestions regarding QWEST's application on April 4, 2000. On April 10, 2000, QWEST requested additional time until May 10, 2000, in order to consider and to respond to Staff's supplemental suggestions and to file prepared testimony.

Because the parties have been diligent and cooperative in their efforts regarding the application, the Commission will grant additional time. However, because QWEST now proposes the filing of prepared

testimony, there is the possibility that other parties will wish to have an opportunity to respond. The Commission desires to establish a procedure to bring this matter to a resolution. Therefore, the Commission will direct the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule that provides for filing of testimony by all parties that desire to present testimony. The parties shall suggest a hearing date if one is desired, or indicate that they jointly agree to waive hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION shall file its response to the Staff's Supplemental Suggestions no later than May 10, 2000.
2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than April 25, 2000. If the parties do not require a hearing, then the proposed procedural schedule shall state a waiver of hearing.
3. That this order shall become effective on April 25, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Keith Thornburg, 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 April, 2000.