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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the Application of Ionex)
Communications, Inc., for a Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide Basic Local)
Telecommunications Services, for Waiver of)
Certain Statutory and Regulatory Provisions,)
and for Designation as a Competitive Tele-)
communications Company.)

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ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION
AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Ionex Communications, Inc., (Ionex), filed an application on March 27, 2000, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services in the State of Missouri under 4 CSR 240-2.060. On April 12, 2000, Ionex filed an Amendment to that application. Ionex wishes to provide resold and facilities-based services to small and medium-sized business customers in all the exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT), GTE Midwest, Inc., and Sprint of Missouri. The Commission issued a notice directing interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than May 4, 2000.

SWBT filed an application to intervene on April 18, 2000. SWBT states that it has an interest in the Commission's decision because it provides basic local exchange services and will be in direct competition with this company if the certificate is granted. SWBT argues 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.

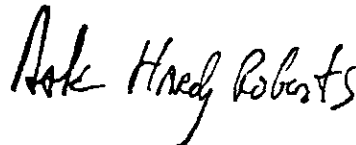
The Commission has reviewed the application to intervene and finds that it is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that SWBT has an interest in this matter which is different from that of the general public. The Commission concludes that SWBT's request for intervention should be granted and that the parties should file a proposed procedural schedule. The procedural schedule must include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing. 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 is granted intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4).
2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than June 8, 2000.
3. That this order shall become effective on May 19, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

(S E A L)



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge


Nancy Dippell, Senior 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 9th day of May, 2000.

**STATE OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 9th day of May 2000.



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

