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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of an Investigation into the) Case No. TW-98-155
Provision of Internet Access in Missouri.)

ORDER CLOSING CASE

This case was opened for the purpose of investigating Internet access. To that end, numerous applications for participation were granted and many of the participants filed position papers or other documents. The Commission held five local public hearings at the following locations: St. Joseph, Columbia, Kirksville, Poplar Bluff, and Joplin.

On August 27, 1998, a Report of Undersigned Participants was filed. This Report suggests that the vast majority of Missourians have local dialing, or flat-rate toll dialing, access to the Internet. The Report also states that residents in areas without locally dialed or flat-rate toll dialed access to the Internet are interested in obtaining access to the Internet on a flat-rate, unlimited usage basis. However, as the Report notes, the Missouri Public Service Commission does not have jurisdiction to regulate where an Internet service provider locates its business or chooses to offer service.

The Commission appreciates the time and hard work that the participants have devoted to this case. The various position papers, surveys and reports, along with the dialogue from the local public hearings, will prove invaluable to the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That this order shall become effective on May 4, 1999.
2. That this case may be closed after May 5, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

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 April, 1999.

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