

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of CCCMO, Inc.)
d/b/a Connect! for a Certificate of Service)
Authority to Provide Basic Local Telecommunica-) Case No. TA-2000-199
tions Services and Local Exchange Telecommuni-)
cations Service in the State of Missouri, and)
to Classify Said Services as Competitive.)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION, SETTING A PREHEARING CONFERENCE
AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

CCCMO, Inc., d/b/a Connect! (Connect), filed an application on August 31, 1999, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local and local exchange telecommunications service in the state of Missouri. Connect wishes to provide basic local telecommunications services and exchange access services in the exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT), GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE), and Sprint Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Sprint (Sprint). On September 14, 1999, the Commission issued an order and notice, directing interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than October 14, 1999.

On October 7, 1999, SWBT filed an application to intervene. SWBT states that it has a direct interest in the Commission's decision regarding Connect's application because Connect will be in direct competition with SWBT. SWBT indicates that its interest as a provider of basic local exchange service differs from that of the general public. SWBT further states that its intervention would be in the public interest

because of its extensive expertise and experience as a telecommunications provider.

The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that it is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that the applicant has an interest in this matter that is different from that of the general public. The Commission concludes that the request for intervention should be granted and that the parties should file a proposed procedural schedule. In order to assist in the development of the procedural schedule and to clarify the issues in dispute, an early prehearing conference will be scheduled. The procedural schedule shall 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 an early prehearing conference shall be held on November 10, 1999, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference shall be held at the Commission's offices on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Anyone wishing to attend who has special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days before the

prehearing conference at: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or
TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

3. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than November 30, 1999. The procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing.

4. That this order shall become effective on November 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 27th day of October, 1999.

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