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

In the Matter of the Application of)
Fidelity Communication Services II, Inc.)
for a Certificate of Service Authority to) Case No. TA-2000-229
Provide Basic Local Telecommunications)
Service in Portions of the State of)
Missouri and for Competitive Classification.)

ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Fidelity Communications Services II, Inc. (FCS II) applied to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) on September 10, 1999, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local, local exchange and exchange access telecommunications services.

The Commission issued a notice and schedule of applicants on September 14, 1999, directing interested parties wishing to intervene to do so by October 14, 1999. On October 7, 1999, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) timely filed its application to intervene. On October 13, 1999, FCS II filed its objection to the application to intervene. On October 18, 1999, SWBT filed its response to FCS II's objections. On October 21, 1999, the Commission granted SWBT intervention. No other entity besides SWBT applied to intervene.

On October 21, 1999, the Commission ordered that the parties file a procedural schedule on November 8, 1999. On November 8, 1999, FCS II filed its motion for extension of time to file a proposed procedural schedule. FCS II stated that counsel for it, SWBT, and the Staff of the Commission (Staff) have conferred with each other regarding the possibility of entering into a joint stipulation and agreement resolving

SWBT's concerns about the access rates to be charged by FCS II. FCS II stated that it has provided SWBT and Staff with a proposed joint stipulation and agreement, to which SWBT has raised objections but which Staff has approved. FCS II stated that it believes that the parties will be able to determine whether the resolution of this matter is possible without resort to an adversarial proceeding by November 10, 1999. FCS II stated that it was thus requesting an extension of time until no later than 3:00 p.m. on November 15, 1999, for the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule if they cannot resolve their dispute regarding access rates. FCS II stated that SWBT and Staff concurred with this request.

The Commission will grant the parties additional time to file a proposed procedural schedule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than 3:00 p.m. on November 15, 1999. The procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing.
2. That this order shall become effective on November 23, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Bill Hopkins, 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 10th day of November, 1999.

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