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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Application of REN-TEL Communications, Inc.)
for Approval of a Resale Agreement Under) Case No. TO-99-296
the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

ORDER AND NOTICE

On January 7, 1999, REN-TEL Communications, Inc. (REN-TEL) filed an application with the Commission for approval of a resale agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) under the provisions of 47 U.S.C. §§ 252(a)(1) and (i) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). The applicant stated that there are no unresolved issues and that the agreement complies with Section 252(e) of the Act in that it is not discriminatory to non-party carriers and is consistent with the public interest. The applicant requested that the Interconnection Agreement be approved expeditiously, without change, suspension, or other delay in its implementation.

The Act provides that an interconnection or resale agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

The Commission finds that proper persons should be allowed the opportunity to file a motion for hearing or an application to

participate without intervention. Participation may be permitted for the limited purpose of filing comments addressing whether this agreement meets the federal standards for approval of interconnection or resale agreements. The requirement of a hearing is met when an opportunity to be heard has been provided and no proper party has requested the opportunity to present evidence. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2D 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved an agreement within 90 days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously and, if there are no requests for a hearing, relief may be granted based on the verified petition. The Commission finds that notice of this application should be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies. Further, the Commission finds that it is appropriate to join SWBT as a party because it is a party to the resale agreement.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Records Department of the Commission shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

2. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company shall be joined as a party of interest in this case.

3. That any party wishing to request a hearing or to participate without intervention in this matter shall file an application no later than February 9, 1999, with:

Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and send copies to:

Mary Ann (Garr) Young
William D. Steinmeier, P.C.
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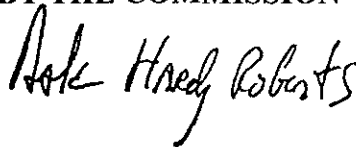
and

Office of the Public Counsel
Post Office Box 7800
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

4. That the Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefore no later than March 18, 1999.

5. That this order shall become effective on January 30, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Shelly A. Register, 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 20th day of January, 1999.

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