

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY**

May 31, 2000

CASE NO: TE-2000-706

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Filing of Ellington) Case No. TE-2000-706
Telephone Company's Annual Report.)

ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT OUT OF TIME

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-10.080(1), "[a]ll public utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file an annual report with the commission on or before April 15 of each year."

On April 28, 2000, Ellington Telephone Company (Ellington) filed a Motion for Leave to File Annual Report Out of Time with the Commission requesting that its 1999 annual report, which was filed along with its motion, be accepted for filing. Ellington stated that since April 15 fell on a Saturday this year, Ellington's accountant assumed that the date for filing the annual report would be extended to the next business day, which was Monday, April 17. Ellington requested that the Commission grant its Motion for Leave to File Annual Report Out of Time and accept its report for filing. Ellington stated that no party should be prejudiced by the inadvertent delay. No objections to Ellington's motion were received.

The Commission finds that good cause exists to permit filing of Ellington's annual report out of time and the Commission will grant Ellington's motion for leave.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Ellington Telephone Company's Motion for Leave to File Annual Report Out of Time filed April 28, 2000, is granted, and the annual report deadline requirement of 4 CSR 240-10.080 is waived permitting the filing of Ellington Telephone Company's annual report on April 28, 2000.
2. That this order shall become effective on June 12, 2000.
3. That this case may be closed after June 13, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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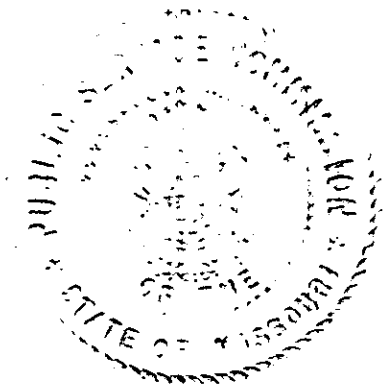
Shelly A. Register, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1),
(November 30, 1995) and
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 31st 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 31st day of May 2000.



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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge