BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)		
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company)	Case No.	TM-2000-738
for Authority to Transfer Certain Support)		
Assets to SBC Management Services, Inc.)		

ORDER REQUESTING RESPONSE

On May 4, 2000, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) an application for approval to transfer certain assets to SBC Management Services, Inc. (SBC-MSI).

On the same day, SWBT also filed a motion to expedite the review and approval of its application. This motion did not comply with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(3), requiring each pleading to include a specific reference to the provision under which relief is requested; and also Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(17) which lists three requirements: (1) The words "Motion for Expedited Treatment" in the title of the pleading; (2) A statement explaining the harm avoided or the benefit accruing to the party's customers or the general public if the Commission acts by the date requested; and (3) A statement that the pleading was filed as soon as it could have been or an explanation why it was not. The Commission ordered SWBT on May 11, 2000, to comply with the Commission's rules regarding motions for expedited treatment.

On May 19, SWBT filed a pleading entitled "Supplemental Motion for Expedited Treatment" which cured the defects noted by the Commission. SWBT stated that it was requesting expedited treatment under Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(17). SWBT stated that substantial benefits would accrue to SWBT if the Commission expedited the review of SWBT's application and if the Commission authorized the transfer of assets to SBC-MSI. SWBT requested that the approval of its application be done by June 30, 2000. SWBT also stated that the application was filed as soon as it could have been, given the workload of the personnel involved and the time necessary to secure required supporting documentation which was attached to its application.

The Commission finds that SWBT's request for the expedited approval of its application to transfer assets has stated good cause for such treatment.

The Commission will order the Staff of the Commission (Staff) to respond to this order within five (5) days, stating in a pleading whether or not it will be able to handle this case in an expedited manner and, if so, giving suggested dates for the filing of a Staff report or recommendation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its pleading stating whether or not it will be able to handle this case in an expedited manner and, if so, giving suggested dates for the filing of a Staff report or recommendation no later than 3:00 p.m. on June 13, 2000.

2. That this order shall become effective on June 19, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

ALL HARD BLESTS

Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

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 8th day of June, 2000.

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