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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)
dPi-Teleconnect, L.L.C. for a Certificate)
of Service Authority to Provide Basic) Case No. TA-2000-44
Local Telecommunications Services)
in the State of Missouri.)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND DIRECTING FILING
OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

dPi-Teleconnect, L.L.C. (dPi) applied to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) on July 21, 1999, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local, local exchange and exchange access telecommunications services in portions of the state of Missouri under Sections 392.420-.440, RSMo 1994¹, and Sections 392.410 and 392.450, RSMo Supp. 1998. dPi asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by Sections 392.361 and 392.420. dPi is a Delaware limited liability company² with principal offices located at 2997 LBJ Frwy., Suite 225, Dallas, Texas 75234.

The Commission issued a notice and schedule of applicants on August 3, 1999, directing interested parties wishing to intervene in the interexchange and nonswitched local exchange service authority portion

1 All statutory references are to Revised Statutes of Missouri 1994 unless otherwise indicated.

2 The application states that dPi is a Delaware corporation.

of its application to do so by August 18, 1999, and in the basic local and nonswitched local exchange service authority portion of its application to do so by September 2, 1999.

On August 9, 1999, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) timely filed its application to intervene. SWBT stated that it has an interest in the Commission's decision in this case because it provides basic local exchange services and will be in direct competition with dPi if the certificate is granted. SWBT argued that no other party will adequately protect its interests in this matter and that its intervention would be in the public interest because of SWBT's expertise and experience in the telecommunications industry.

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 this request for intervention should be granted and that the parties should file a proposed procedural schedule. The procedural schedule must include either dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing, or a date for the filing of a stipulation and agreement. 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).

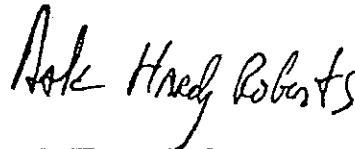
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is granted intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4).

2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than November 8, 1999. The procedural schedule shall include either dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing, or a date for the filing of a stipulation and agreement.

3. That this order shall become effective on October 18, 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 7th day of October, 1999.

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