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

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Ciera Network Systems, Inc. for a )  
Certificate of Service Authority to )  
Provide Basic Local Telecommunications ) Case No. TA-2000-228  
Service in portions of the State of )  
Missouri and for Competitive Classification )

**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND DIRECTING FILING  
OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Ciera Network Systems, Inc. (Ciera) 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 in portions of the state of Missouri under Sections 392.420-.440, RSMo 1994<sup>1</sup>, and Sections 392.410 and 392.450, RSMo Supp. 1998. Ciera 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. Ciera is a Texas corporation with principal offices located at 2630 Fountainview, Suite 300, Houston, Texas 77057.

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<sup>1</sup> All statutory references are to Revised Statutes of Missouri 1994 unless otherwise indicated. Also, the application stated that the statute numbers were "392.420 - .44055" which is an obvious scrivener's error.

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. 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 Ciera 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 dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing. 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 3:00 PM on November 8, 1999. The procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 1, 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 20th day of October, 1999.

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