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CASE NO: TO-99-593

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

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Investigation)	
into Signaling Protocols, Call)	Case No. TO-99-593
Records, Trunking Arrangements,)	
and Traffic Measurement.)	

ORDER GRANTING LATE INTERVENTION

By order dated June 15, 1999, the Commission set an intervention deadline of July 6. On October 7, 1999, Birch Telecom of Missouri, Inc. (Birch) filed an application to intervene out of time. In its application, Birch states that after discussion with parties to the case, it now believes it must intervene to protect its interests. It asserts that its interests are different from the general public, and that no party to the case can protect those interests.

The Commission has reviewed the application to intervene and finds that it is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that Birch has interests in this matter that are different from those of the general public. The Commission finds that Birch has demonstrated good cause for not timely filing its application to intervene, and will grant it.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Birch Telecom of Missouri, Inc. is granted intervention.

2. That this order shall become effective on October 25,

1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

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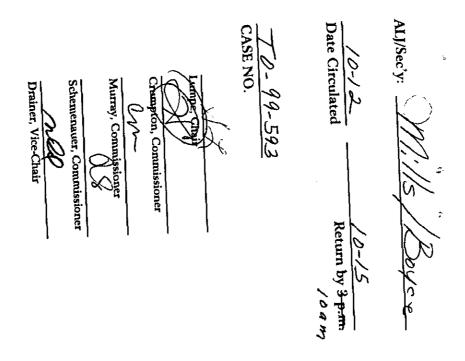
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(SEAL)

Lewis Mills, Deputy Chief 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 14th day of October, 1999.



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 14th day of October, 1999.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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