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STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 14th
day of October, 1999.

In the Matter of Southwestern Bell) Case No. TT-2000-269
Telephone Company's Feature Group C) Tariff File No. 200000253
Tariff, P.S.C. Mo.-No. 36.)

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFFS

On September 17, 1999, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed tariff sheets to clarify that customers will continue to have access to Feature Group C (FGC) facilities. The tariff bore an effective date of October 18, 1999. On October 8, 1999, Alma Telephone Company, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, Choctaw Telephone Company, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company, Modern Telecommunications Company, MoKan Dial, Inc., and Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company¹ filed a motion to suspend that tariff.

In its pleading, the MMG urges the Commission to suspend the tariff because it believes that the use of FGC for originating traffic should be eliminated, and it believes the tariff will expand this use. MMG also notes that the Commission is addressing, in Case No. TO-99-593, the broader question of the continued use of FGC, and asserts that it would be improper to approve SWBT's proposed tariff before a decision has been reached in TO-99-593. MMG states that although FGC and Feature

¹ This group refers to itself as the Mid-Missouri Group of companies (MMG), although the members of that group vary from case to case.

Group D (FGD) have historically been used at the same time, the use of FGC has been limited to traffic originated by the incumbent Local Exchange Company (LEC). MMG states that approving SWBT's proposed tariff would thwart efforts to establish systems necessary to allow billing for terminating access based on traffic measurements created at the origination of the call.

SWBT did not file a response to MMG's motion to suspend.

On October 6, 1999, the Commission's Staff filed a memorandum in which it recommended that the tariff filing be approved. Staff states that SWBT's proposal clarifies that any intraLATA LEC-to-LEC traffic carried by SWBT will continue to be transported with FGC signaling protocols.

The Commission does not have enough information to allow it to conclude that the proposed tariff is not detrimental to the public interest. In order to allow sufficient time to study the effect of the proposed tariff and establish an evidentiary record to determine if it is in the public interest, the proposed tariff will be suspended.

Proper parties should be given notice and an opportunity to intervene in this matter. The Records Department of the Commission shall send a copy of this order to all telecommunications companies certificated to do business in the state of Missouri.

MMG seeks intervention pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075. MMG states that its interest is different from that of the general public and that it will be able to provide information to, and share its expertise with, the Commission. The Commission finds that MMG's application to intervene

is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and so will grant it.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the motion to suspend filed by Alma Telephone Company, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, Choctaw Telephone Company, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company, Modern Telecommunications Company, MoKan Dial, Inc., and Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company on October 8, 1999, is granted and the tariff will be suspended.

2. That the proposed tariff sheets submitted on September 17, 1999, by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and assigned Tariff No. 200000253, and subsequently docketed as Case No. TO-2000-269, are suspended for a period of 120 days plus six months beyond October 18, 1999, to August 15, 2000, or until otherwise ordered by this Commission.

3. That the Records Department of the Commission shall provide notice as described in this order.

4. That any proper person or entity desiring to intervene shall, no later than November 3, 1999, submit an application to intervene to:

Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Copies of the application to intervene should be sent to:

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Andereck Evans Milne Peace and Baumhoer, LLC
P.O. Box 1438
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Legal Department
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
One Bell Center
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and

Office of the Public Counsel
P.O. Box 7200
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

5. That the application to intervene filed by Alma Telephone Company, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, Choctaw Telephone Company, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company, Modern Telecommunications Company, MoKan Dial, Inc., and Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company is granted.

7. That this order shall become effective on October 18, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Drainer, and
Schemenauer, CC., concur.
Murray, C., dissents.

Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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