

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 21st
day of July, 1992.

In the matter of Choctaw Telephone Company to file)
tariffs to provide community optional service and)
recover actual net revenue loss associated with) CASE NO. TR-91-86
provision of service to customers in the Company's)
Missouri service area.)

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On May 29, 1992, Choctaw Telephone Company (Choctaw) filed a tariff reflecting an increased COS surcharge. On June 10, 1992, the Commission suspended the tariff for one hundred twenty days from July 20, 1992 to November 17, 1992. On June 12, 1992, the Commission further suspended the tariff an additional thirty days to December 17, 1992. On July 1 and 2, 1992, the Staff of the Commission (Staff), the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) and Choctaw participated in a prehearing conference. On July 8, 1992, OPC filed a proposed procedural schedule to which Staff and Choctaw indicated they had no objection.

Inasmuch as the burden of proof to show that the proposed tariff is just and reasonable is upon the party proposing the tariff, the Commission is of the opinion that a hearing should be scheduled at which time Choctaw shall present its case in support of the proposed tariff. The Commission is also of the opinion that, in order to facilitate the hearing process, a procedural schedule should be established; all parties should be required to file prepared testimony; and Staff should prepare and file a hearing memorandum. Each party will be expected to provide Staff with its position on each unresolved issue in sufficient time for Staff to meet the established filing deadline. The Commission is further of the opinion that a second prehearing conference should be scheduled to allow the parties another opportunity to resolve substantive as well as procedural issues.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Choctaw Telephone Company shall file fifteen (15) copies of its prepared direct testimony with the Executive Secretary of the Commission, and shall serve two (2) copies of same upon the Public Counsel on or before August 10, 1992.

2. That Staff and the Public Counsel shall each file fifteen (15) copies of their prepared rebuttal testimony with the Executive Secretary of the Commission, and shall serve two (2) copies of same upon the other parties, on or before August 31, 1992.

3. That Choctaw Telephone Company shall file fifteen (15) copies of its prepared surrebuttal testimony with the Executive Secretary of the Commission, and shall serve two (2) copies of same upon the Public Counsel on or before September 10, 1992.

4. That Staff and the Public Counsel shall each file fifteen (15) copies of their prepared cross-surrebuttal testimony with the Executive Secretary of the Commission, and serve two (2) copies of same upon the other parties, on or before September 10, 1992.

5. That a prehearing conference is hereby scheduled for September 14, 1992, commencing at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission's hearing room located on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

6. That the parties shall file a hearing memorandum setting out the issues to be heard and the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, definitions of terms used to describe those issues, and each party's position on those issues on or before September 18, 1992.

7. That a hearing in this matter is hereby scheduled for September 24, 1992, commencing at 10:00 a.m., and continuing through September 25, 1992, as is necessary, in the Commission's hearing room located on

the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

8. That this Order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

Brent Stewart

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Executive Secretary

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McClure, Chm., Mueller, Perkins
and Kincheloe, CC., Concur.
Rauch, C., Absent.