STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 6th day of July, 1988.

CASE NO. TA-88-260

In the matter of the application of United Telephone Long Distance Company of the Midwest for a certificate of service authority authorizing it to offer resale telecommunications services to the public within the State of Missouri.

ORDER

Applications to intervene have been filed by the following parties:

Tel-Central of Jefferson City (Tel-Central), Competitive Telecommunications

Association of Missouri (CompTel), Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell), AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. (AT&T), MCI Telecommunications

Corporation (MCI), Contel of Missouri, Inc., Contel System of Missouri, Inc., Webster

County Telephone Company, Fidelity Telephone Company, Bourbeuse Telephone Company,

Missouri Telephone Company and Eastern Missouri Telephone Company. The Commission

concludes that the applications should be granted.

On June 15, 1988, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a Motion requesting the Commission to establish a procedural schedule and to deny the Applicant's request for a temporary certificate of authority. The Staff and UTLD have agreed to the Public Counsel's proposed procedural schedule and of all the other parties only Tel-Central has expressed any objection to Public Counsel's proposed procedural schedule. Tel-Central contends that the proposed schedule does not adequately deal with the need for discovery or with the need to deal with discovery disputes. In the Commission's opinion the Public Counsel's proposed schedule is

reasonable and should allow adequate time for all parties to prepare their cases for hearing. The Commission expects all parties to conduct discovery in a reasonable and expeditious fashion.

Public Counsel requests the Commission to deny UTLD's request for a temporary certificate of authority on the ground that a temporary certificate of authority is an extraordinary measure designed to guarantee service which would otherwise not be available while the application for a certificate of service authority is being reviewed. Section 392.410.6, RSMo Supp. 1987 provides that:

The commission may issue a temporary certificate which shall remain in full force not to exceed one year to assure maintenance of adequate service or to serve particular customers, without notice and hearing, pending the determination of an application for a certificate.

In the Commission's opinion UTLD has made no showing that a temporary certificate is required to assure adequate service or to serve particular customers. Therefore, the Commission determines that UTLD's application for a temporary certificate should be denied.

On June 14, 1988, Tel-Central filed a motion requesting the Commission to join United Telephone Company of Missouri and United Telecommunications, Inc. On June 24, 1988, United Telecommunications, Inc. (Missouri) filed its opposition to Tel-Central's motion stating that it is not the parent of UTLD as asserted by Tel-Central. Rather, it is a wholly-owned subsidiary of United Telecommunications, Inc. (Kansas), which is a Kansas corporation. United Telecommunications, Inc. (Missouri) states that it was created by its parent for future business purposes but it has not engaged in business in Missouri and, therefore, it is inappropriate to join United Telecommunications, Inc. (Missouri) in this proceeding.

On June 27, 1988, United Telephone Company of Missouri (UTM) filed its response to Tel-Central's motion to join additional parties stating the that UTM's lack of party status will in no way limit Tel-Central's ability to probe the relationships between UTLD and UTM. However, UTM states alternatively that it is

c'itionally applying to intervene in this proceeding if the Commission believes that UTM's participation would further the public interest.

In the Commission's opinion, Tel-Central's motion to join United

Telecommunications, Inc. should be denied. However, the Commission believes that it

is in the public interest that UTM be made a party to this case.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED: 1. That the following parties are hereby granted leave to intervene in this proceeding: Tel-Central of Jefferson City, Competitive Telecommunications Association of Missouri, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc., MCI Telecommunications Corporation, Contel of Missouri, Inc., Contel System of Missouri, Inc., Webster County Telephone Company, Fidelity Telephone Company, Bourbeuse Telephone Company, Missouri Telephone Company and Eastern Missouri Telephone Company.

ORDERED: 2. That a procedural schedule is hereby established as follows:

August 3, 1988 - UTLD file direct testimony

September 26, 1988 - Staff, Public Counsel and Intervenors file direct testimony

October 7, 1988 - All parties file rebuttal testimony

October 12-13, 1988 - Prehearing Conference, 10 a.m., at the Commission's offices located on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri

October 14, 1988 - Hearing Memorandum
All parties file surrebuttal testimony

October 17-19, 1988 - Hearing, 10 a.m. in the Commission's offices.

ORDERED: 3. That UTLD's request for a temporary authority be, and it is, hereby denied.

ORDERED: 4. That United Telephone Company of Missouri be, and it is, hereby made a party to this proceeding.

ORDERED: 5. That this Order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

Harvey G. Hubbs

Secretary

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Steinmeier, Chm., Musgrave, Mueller, Hendren and Fischer, CC., Concur.