STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Jefferson City

July 17, 1987

CASE NO. TO-85-191

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

Sincerely,

Harvey G. Hubbs

Secretary

uncertified copy:

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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 17th day of July, 1987.

Case No. TO-85-191

In the matter of the request for extended area service between the Tebbetts exchange served by Kingdom Telephone Company to the Jefferson City exchange served by United Telephone Company of Missouri.

ORDER DENYING APPLICATION FOR REHEARING

On July 6, 1987, Betty G. Cave (Applicant) filed an application for rehearing in the above-referenced case requesting that the Commission order a new ballot on the provision of Extended Area Service (EAS) in Tebbetts or order the establishment of experimental Extended Measured Service (EMS) in Tebbetts. A petition for rehearing was also submitted to the Commission signed by Applicant and 182 other customers located in the Tebbetts exchange.

Section 386.500, RSMo 1986, provides in pertinent part that "...the commission shall grant and hold ...[a] rehearing if in its judgment sufficient reason therefor be made to appear..."

The Commission has carefully considered the arguments made in support of Applicant's request and determines that Applicant has not shown sufficient reason for the Commission to grant a rehearing in this matter.

The EAS Rule requires that Extended Area Service be established if certain criteria are met including a favorable vote by sixty percent (60%) of the customers voting provided that at least thirty-three percent (33%) of the customers do vote.

These criteria were more than met in Tebbetts. The Commission cannot ignore its Rule because some of the customers in Tebbetts do not agree with the outcome of the vote.

If the Commission did so, equally sincere people who favor EAS might be equally upset.

The Commission is a body which must conduct itself according to its rules. It is sympathetic to the concerns of those who oppose EAS in Tebbetts but the service was inaugurated according to the rules of the Commission as they stood at the time the instant case was commenced and concluded.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED: 1. That the Application for Rehearing of Betty G. Cave and the petition for rehearing signed by Betty G. Cave and 182 other customers in the Tebbetts exchange of the Kingdom Telephone Company are denied hereby.

ORDERED: 2. That this Order shall become effective on the 28th day of July, 1987.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Harvey G. Hubbs

Secretary

(SEAL)

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

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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, this <u>17th</u> day of <u>July</u>, 1987.

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