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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 26th
day of October, 1993.

In the matter of Southwestern Bell Telephone)
Company, GTE Midwest Incorporated, and United)
Telephone Company of Missouri's tariff sheets) Case No. TT-94-119
designed to modify primary toll carriers for)
certain exchanges in Missouri.)

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFFS AND
GRANTING REQUEST FOR ACCELERATED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On October 14, 1993, the Commission suspended the tariffs filed in the above referenced case in order to allow the parties to respond to late filed pleadings from the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff (Staff). The Commission ordered that the tariffs be suspended until October 27, 1993 and that any parties wishing to respond to the pleading filed by the Commission Staff on October 14, 1993 must do so by 3:00 p.m. on October 20, 1993.

On October 20, 1993, responsive pleadings were filed by SWBT, GTE and United. (Collectively referred to as "Applicants.") Each of the Applicants requested that the Commission implement the tariffs or, in the alternative, urged that if the tariffs were to be suspended that an accelerated hearing schedule be set in order to allow final resolution of this issue prior to the issuance of the order in TC-93-224.

On October 21, 1993, pleadings were filed by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and also by the Office of the Public Counsel. Both of these pleadings were filed after the deadline contained in the Order Suspending Tariffs as issued on the 14th of October, 1993. On October 22, 1993, Public Counsel filed its motion for the Commission to accept its pleading out-of-time. Staff has made no such motion.

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On October 22, 1993, GTE filed a "Motion for Leave to File and Response of GTE Midwest Incorporated to Staff's Amendment of the Previously Filed Staff Recommendation and to Staff's Reply" (sic). GTE's most recent filing does not raise any substantive issue that has not already been addressed. And, on October 25, 1993, Public Counsel filed "Public Counsel's Reply." This reply, too, was filed out-of-time.

After reviewing the pleadings filed by the various parties in this case, the Commission finds that it would be in the public interest to suspend the proposed tariffs in order to allow sufficient time to study the effect of the proposed tariffs and to determine if they are just, reasonable and in the interest of the public. It is the opinion of the Commission that the proposed tariffs should be suspended until January 1, 1994 so that an order on these tariffs may be issued to be effective concurrent with the Report and Order in Commission Case No. TC-93-224.

The Commission will grant the request of the Applicants that this matter be set on an accelerated procedural schedule. For this reason, the Commission will strictly adhere to the procedural schedule set hereinbelow. At the conclusion of the hearing the Commission will allow a closing oral argument from each party. These oral arguments will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes per party and the Commission will not accept any post-hearing briefs. Due to this accelerated schedule the parties are advised that any further pleadings which are not timely filed may be stricken from the record.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff (9400078) submitted on July 29, 1993, by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is hereby suspended until January 1, 1994.
2. That the tariffs (9400079 through 9400084) submitted on July 29, 1993, by GTE Midwest Incorporated are hereby suspended until January 1, 1994.

3. That the tariff (9400087) submitted on July 30, 1993, by United Telephone Company is hereby suspended until January 1, 1994.

4. That any proper person or entity desiring to intervene and participate in this proceeding shall file its application to intervene and serve a copy of same upon the Company's attorneys on or before November 12, 1993.

5. That the following procedural schedule is hereby adopted for this proceeding:

Applicants direct testimony	11/12/93 3:00 p.m.
Staff, OPC and Intervenors rebuttal testimony	11/19/93 3:00 p.m.
Prehearing conference	11/22/93 10:00 a.m.
Hearing memorandum	12/2/93 3:00 p.m.
Applicants surrebuttal Staff, OPC and Intervenors cross-surrebuttal	12/4/93 3:00 p.m.
Hearing	12/13-14/93 10:00 a.m.

The prehearing conference and hearing shall be held at the Commission's offices on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. If any person has special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act, please contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services' Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline -- 1-800-829-7541.

6. That the Applicants shall file fifteen (15) copies of their prepared direct testimony and schedules with the Executive Secretary of the Commission, and shall serve two (2) copies of same upon the Public Counsel and each party who has filed a timely and proper application to intervene.

7. That the Commission Staff shall file fifteen (15) copies of its prepared rebuttal testimony and schedules with the Executive Secretary of the Commission, and serve five (5) copies of same upon the Applicants and two (2) copies of same upon the Public Counsel and each intervenor.

8. That the Public Counsel and each intervenor shall file fifteen (15) copies of their prepared rebuttal testimony and schedules with the Executive Secretary of the Commission, and serve five (5) copies of same upon the Applicants and two (2) copies of same upon each other party.

9. That all counsel and parties to this proceeding shall review 4 CSR 240-4.020, comply with its terms and communicate the meaning and importance of that rule to all personnel whom counsel believes or reasonably should believe ought to be made aware of that rule.

10. That all counsel shall immediately report to the Commission all future possible violations of any Commission rule by any party, including the party they represent.

11. That prefiled testimony shall only be filed under seal pursuant to a protective order approved by the Commission.

12. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION



David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary

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