

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, 1992.

In the matter of an incentive plan for Southwestern)
Bell Telephone Company.) Case No. TO-90-1
)

ORDER EXTENDING INCENTIVE REGULATION PLAN
AND SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On October 1, 1992, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWB), Commission Staff and the Office of Public Counsel filed separate recommendations concerning the incentive regulation plan adopted by the Commission for SWB which will end December 31, 1992. The recommendations contained each of the three parties' evaluation of the success of the incentive plan and recommended proposed changes to the procedures and parameters of the plan.

On October 9, 1992 Staff, SWB, and Public Counsel filed a Joint Recommendation requesting the Commission extend the current incentive plan until January 1, 1994 to allow the Commission and other parties sufficient time and flexibility to give full consideration to the proposals made concerning any future incentive regulation plan. The year extension is proposed to maintain the current monitoring procedures and effectuate any sharing which might result. The three parties propose that any new plan be effective January 1, 1994 and that the extension of the current plan not preclude parties from seeking modifications to the plan or from pursuing a complaint or rate proceeding on or after January 1, 1993.

The Commission has reviewed the recommendations of Staff, SWB and Public Counsel and the Joint Recommendation and finds that it is in the public interest to extend the current incentive regulation plan until January 1, 1994. The recommendations filed by Staff, SWB and Public Counsel contain proposed

changes to the incentive plan which will need to be addressed, and other parties to this case have not been provided an opportunity to address the recommendations or make their own proposed changes.

The Commission finds that the extension should not preclude a complaint filing or rate proceeding and that a procedural schedule will need to be established. To allow for a discussion of a procedural schedule and any other matters concerning this docket which the parties consider appropriate, the Commission will set a prehearing conference date. In addition, the Commission will order that notice of this order be sent by the Information Office to the newspapers which serve SWB's service territory, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current *Official Manual of the State of Missouri*, and to the members of the General Assembly who represent customers in SWB's service territory.

On September 29, 1992, Midwest Independent Coin Payphone Association (MICPA) filed an application to intervene in this proceeding. MICPA states that its interests in this proceeding are different from the interests of the general public. No party filed an objection to MICPA's application.

The Commission finds that MICPA's interests are sufficiently different from the general public's to allow intervention as a party in this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the experimental incentive regulation plan adopted in this case for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company be hereby extended until January 1, 1994.
2. That a prehearing conference be hereby set for November 13, 1992 beginning at 10:00 a.m., to be held in Room 520B of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.
3. That notice of this order shall be sent as described herein.

4. That Midwest Independent Coin Payphone Association be hereby granted intervention in this proceeding.

5. 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, Rauch,
Perkins and Kincheloe, CC., concur.