

day of August, 1994.

CASE NO. TO-94-78

### ORDER OF IMPLEMENTATION

On December 29, 1989, the Commission issued a Report and Order in Case No. TO-87-131 directing local exchange companies (LECs) in Missouri to offer community optional service (COS) in exchanges demonstrating a community of interest. The Commission determined that a community of interest is demonstrated when an average of six calls per access line per month are made from petitioning exchange to the requested exchange and two-thirds of the customers in the petitioning exchange make two or more calls to the requested exchange per month.

On December 23, 1992, the Commission issued a Report and Order in Case No. TO-92-306 approving a statewide expanded calling scope plan. The plan, among other provisions, modified COS to a two-way service only and adjusted the rates for COS. The Commission also assigned primary toll carriers (PTCs) to implement COS in exchanges demonstrating a community of interest.

On September 2, 1993, the Commission received a petition signed by the residents of the Branson exchange requesting COS from the Branson exchange to the Springfield exchange. GTE Midwest, Inc. (GTE) is the LEC for the Branson exchange and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Bell) is the LEC for the Springfield exchange. GTE is also the assigned PTC for this route.

On September 10, 1993, the Commission directed GTE to perform a calling usage study to ascertain whether a sufficient community of interest

exists between these exchanges. On January 10, 1994, GTE filed the results of the calling usage study performed in said exchanges. The results of said study are as follows:

<u>Original Exchange</u>	<u>Terminating Exchange</u>	<u>Average Calls Per Access Line</u>	<u>Percent Making 2+ Calls</u>
Branson	Springfield	10.26	68.99.

On July 27, 1994, the Staff of the Commission filed a memorandum recommending that COS be implemented between Branson and Springfield within 120 days.

Inasmuch as the petitioning route has met the calling criteria set forth by the Commission in Case No. TO-87-131, the Commission finds that a community of interest has been demonstrated. Thus, the Commission determines that COS should be implemented between the Branson exchange and the Springfield exchange within 120 days of the effective date of this Order.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That GTE Midwest, Inc. and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company shall implement community optional service between the Branson exchange and the Springfield exchange on or before January 2, 1995.
2. That this Order shall become effective on September 2, 1994.

BY THE COMMISSION



David L. Rauch  
Executive Secretary

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