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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern)
Bell Telephone Company for Expedited Approval) Case No. TT-2000-643
of its General Exchange Tariff) Tariff No. 200000942

ORDER GRANTING EXPEDITED TREATMENT

On April 13, 2000, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) its proposed revision of its Missouri General Exchange Tariff, P.S.C. Mo.-No. 35, Section 44, EasyOptions® Packages. SWBT filed no pleading, but in its cover letter stated that the filing proposed to revise the monthly discount rate (business only) for the BASICS^(sm) package in accordance with the tariff sheet attached to the letter. SWBT stated that the issued date of the revision was April 13, 2000, and that the effective date was May 13, 2000. SWBT " ...requested that this filing be expedited to be effective on May 1, 2000, if possible."

On April 19, 2000, the Commission ordered SWBT to state its reason for the request and on April 20, 2000, SWBT filed its response. SWBT stated that it had filed on March 30, 2000, revised tariff sheets proposing to maintain and/or increase rates for certain separately ordered vertical services with respect to business customers. SWBT stated that although its filing correctly reflected the rates it intends to charge its business customers for these separately ordered vertical services, SWBT also

intended to offer business customers an increased discount credit for ordering multiple vertical services via SWBT's BASICS^(sm) package. Specifically, SWBT stated that it intended to offer its business customers a \$25.00 discount credit for order the BASICS^(sm) package as opposed to the \$24.30 discount credit that is applicable today. The net effect, SWBT stated, of the increased discount credit is to maintain the same monthly rate of \$16.95 for business customers who order multiple vertical services via SWBT's BASICS package.

Thus, SWBT stated that it was requesting expedited treatment for its proposed revision so that the increased discount credit will be effective on the same date that SWBT anticipates its other tariff changes to become effective. SWBT states that this expedited treatment will ensure that SWBT's business customers do not incur an increase in rates for multiple vertical services that are ordered as SWBT's BASICS^(sm) package.

The Commission will grant the expedited treatment and order the Staff of the Commission to file its recommendation in accordance with this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is granted expedited treatment so that the Commission may act on its tariff before May 1, 2000.
2. That the Staff of the Commission shall file its recommendation no later than 3:00 p.m. on April 25, 2000.

3. That this order shall become effective on May 1, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority Pursuant to
4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30, 1995)
and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 20th day of April, 2000.