

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY**

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CASE NO: TO-99-593

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

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts

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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 12th
day of August, 1999.

In the Matter of the Investigation	)	
into Signaling Protocols, Call	)	<u>Case No. TO-99-593</u>
Records, Trunking Arrangements,	)	
and Traffic Measurement.	)	

ORDER GRANTING AND DENYING INTERVENTION AND
DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

The Commission created this case by order dated June 15, 1999. In that order the Commission directed that notice be given and set an intervention deadline of July 6. On June 24, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company filed an application to intervene. On June 28, Alma Telephone Company, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, Choctaw Telephone Company, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company, Modern Telecommunications Company, MoKan Dial, Inc., Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company, and Peace Valley Telephone Company (the Mid-Missouri Group, or MMG) filed an application to intervene. On June 29, Sprint Missouri, Inc. and Sprint Communications Company L.P. filed an application to intervene. On July 2, Alltel Missouri, Inc., BPS Telephone Company, Cass County Telephone Company, Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri, Inc., Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Ellington Telephone Company, Farber Telephone Company, Goodman Telephone Company, Inc., Granby

Telephone Company, Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation, Green Hills Telephone Corporation, Holway Telephone Company, Iamo Telephone Company, KLM Telephone Company, Kingdom Telephone Company, Lathrop Telephone Company, Le-Ru Telephone Company, Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company, McDonald County Telephone Company, Miller Telephone Company, New Florence Telephone Company, New London Telephone Company, Orchard Farm Telephone Company, Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, Ozark Telephone Company, Rock Port Telephone Company, Seneca Telephone Company, Steelville Telephone Exchange, Inc., and Stoutland Telephone Company (the Small Telephone Company Group, or STCG) filed an application to intervene. On July 6, Fidelity Telephone Company and GTE Midwest Incorporated filed applications to intervene. The Commission has reviewed each of these applications and determined that they comply with 4 CSR 240-2.075. All of these entities will be granted intervention.

On July 8, two days after the close of the intervention period, Birch Telecom of Missouri, Inc. (Birch) filed an application to intervene.

4 CSR 240-2.075(4)(D) states that applications to intervene filed after the intervention deadline may be granted upon a showing of good cause. Birch did not state any good cause for granting its late-filed intervention, and it will be denied. However, if Birch wishes to re-file its application to intervene showing good cause why it was late, the Commission may reconsider the application.

An early prehearing conference will be scheduled to afford the parties the opportunity to discuss, define, and possibly resolve the

issues presented in this case, and to discuss a procedural schedule. The Commission will also set a date for the filing of a proposed schedule in order to ensure that this case progresses.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, the Mid-Missouri Group, Sprint Missouri, Inc., Sprint Communications Company L.P., the Small Telephone Company Group, Fidelity Telephone Company, and GTE Midwest Incorporated are granted intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4).

2. That a prehearing conference shall be held on September 21, 1999, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference shall be held at the Commission's office on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Anyone wishing to attend who has special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days before the prehearing conference at: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

3. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than October 21, 1999. The procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing.

4. That this order shall become effective on August 24,
1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts".

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Schemenauer, and Drainer, CC., concur
Crumpton and Murray, CC., absent

Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Atty/Sec'y:

Mills/Boyce

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Lumpe, Chair

absent
Crumpton, Commissioner

absent
Murray, Commissioner

absent
Schemenauer, Commissioner

absent
Drainer, Vice-Chair

Agenda Date

8-12

Action taken:

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Must Vote Not Later Than

**STATE OF MISSOURI
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,

Missouri, this 12TH day of AUGUST, 1999.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge