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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of TCG St. Louis for)
a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to)
Provide Basic Local Telecommunications Services in) **Case No. TA-96-345**
Those Portions of St. Louis LATA No. 520 Served by)
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.)
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ORDER AND NOTICE

On April 18, 1996, TCG St. Louis (TCG) filed an application pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(4) for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange service in the 314 area of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's (SWB's) service territory. TCG describes the territory it seeks to serve as "St. Louis LATA No. 520." The Commission will treat this as a request to serve the 314 area. TCG seeks to have its service classified as competitive and seeks a waiver of 4 CSR 240-2.060(4)(H) which requires the filing of forty-five (45) day tariffs with the application. TCG also requests the waivers granted in Case No. TA-94-160 and that it only be regulated as to the requirements necessary to preserve and advance universal service, protect the public safety and welfare, ensure the continued quality of telecommunications service, and safeguard consumers' rights. TCG states that it intends to offer local exchange service and switched access service, including but not limited to direct inward/outward dialing options, local calling, operator-assisted services, directory assistance, dual party relay service, 911 emergency services, pay phone access line services, and lifeline services. TCG also suggests that its customers be listed free of charge in SWB's telephone directory.

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The Commission finds that notice of this application should be sent to those companies that receive notice of applications for interexchange authority. The Commission finds that an intervention date will be set and intervenors will be requested to address TCG's contention that Section 392.450 has been preempted by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Intervenors should also address TCG's request for waivers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That notice of this application shall be made as described in this order.

2. That applications to intervene shall be filed on or before May 24, 1996, with the Executive Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, and copies sent to:

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3. That persons filing applications to intervene should address the federal preemption of Section 392.450, R.S.Mo., and the waiver requests made by TCG St. Louis.

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

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David L. Rauch".

David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary

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Cecil I. Wright, Chief Administrative
Law Judge, by delegation of
authority under Commission Directive
of January 3, 1995, pursuant to
Section 386.240, R.S.Mo. 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 23rd day of April, 1996.