

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 30th
day of August, 1989.

CASE NO. TR-90-46

In the matter of Southwestern Bell
Telephone Company, St. Louis, Missouri,
for authority to file a tariff
reflecting increased rates for
telephone service in the Missouri
portion of the Hamburg, Iowa Exchange.

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

The Hamburg, Iowa Exchange of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company contains a small area in the State of Missouri which includes approximately eighty (80) customers. The Missouri customers in the Hamburg, Iowa Exchange are served from the central office in Hamburg, Iowa and have the same calling scope as do customers in the Iowa portion of the exchange. Rates for telephone service in the Missouri portion are reflected in the Missouri tariff for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, P.S.C. Mo. No. 17, and have historically matched rates for the Iowa customers in order to achieve rate conformity within the exchange.

The State of Iowa Department of Commerce Utilities Division authorized increased rates in its Docket No. RPU-88-6. On July 31, 1989, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company submitted for Commission approval a revised tariff sheet for the Missouri portion of the Hamburg, Iowa exchange reflecting the increased rates authorized in Iowa with a requested effective date of September 1, 1989.

The Commission is of the opinion that a hearing need not be held in Missouri on this matter, and that the tariff filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company on July 31, 1989, reflecting rates for telephone service in the Missouri portion of the Hamburg, Iowa Exchanges should be allowed to go into effect on September 1, 1989, subject to refund pending a final decision of the State of Iowa Department of Commerce Utilities Division, which may be the result of a decision to be reached on the Writ of Review filed in the Polk County, Iowa Circuit Court.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED: 1. That the following tariff sheet submitted on July 31, 1989, by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for the purpose of establishing rates for telephone service provided in the Missouri portion of the Hamburg, Iowa Exchanges, be, and the same is, hereby approved for service rendered on and after September 1, 1989.

P.S.C. Mo. No. 17, Missouri Portion, Hamburg, Iowa
15th Revised Sheet No. 1 Cancelling 14th Revised Sheet No. 1

ORDERED: 2. That any revenue collected under the rates authorized herein which may be in excess of revenues from rates which may be finally determined by the State of Iowa Department of Commerce Utilities Division to be just and reasonable, shall be refunded, together with interest at the rate determined by the State of Iowa Department of Commerce Utilities Division, but not less than nine percent (9%) per annum.

ORDERED: 3. That within sixty (60) days following any future decision of the State of Iowa Department of Commerce Utilities Division, or any future decision resulting from the Writ of Review filed in the Polk County, Iowa Circuit Court, Southwestern Bell shall submit to this Commission a report reflecting revenues collected from customers in the Missouri portion of the Hamburg, Iowa Exchange under the rates authorized herein and revenues that would have been collected under any subsequent rates found by the State of Iowa Department of Commerce Utilities Division to be proper; and, if appropriate, submit a proposed procedure to refund any excess revenues which may have been collected during the interim periods.

ORDERED: 4. That this Order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

Harvey G. Hubbs

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Secretary

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Steinmeier, Chm., Mueller,
Fischer and Rauch, CC., Concur.