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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of ALLTEL)
Communications, Inc., for a Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide Basic Local Tele-) Case No. TA-99-298
communications Service in Portions of the State)
of Missouri and to Classify Said Services and)
the Company as Competitive.)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION
AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

ALLTEL Communications, Inc. filed an application on January 7, 1999, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services in the State of Missouri under 4 CSR 240-2.060. ALLTEL Communications, Inc. wishes to provide resold services in all the exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, GTE Midwest Incorporated, and Sprint Missouri, Inc. d/b/a Sprint. The Commission issued a notice directing interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than February 11, 1999.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed an application to intervene on January 27, 1999. SWBT states that it has an interest in the Commission's decision because it provides basic local exchange services and will be in direct competition with this company if the certificate is granted. SWBT argues that no other party will adequately protect its interests in this matter and that its intervention would be in the public interest because of SWBT's expertise and experience in the telecommunications industry.

The Commission has reviewed the application to intervene and finds that it is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that SWBT has an interest in this matter which is different from that of the general public. The Commission concludes that SWBT's request for intervention should be granted and that the parties should file a proposed procedural schedule. The procedural schedule must include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing. If no party requests a hearing, the Commission may grant the service authority and competitive classification requested without a hearing. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2D 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is granted intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4).
2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than March 25, 1999.
3. That this order shall become effective on March 16, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Nancy Dippell, 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 5th day of March, 1999.

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