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

The Staff of the Missouri Public	)	
Service Commission,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
v.	)	<u>Case No. TC-98-350</u>
	)	
Miller Telephone Company, a Missouri	)	
Corporation,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTIONS AND SETTING EARLY PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a Complaint against Miller Telephone Company (Miller) on February 13, 1998. Subsequently, on April 8, a Stipulation and Agreement between Staff and Miller was filed in this case. The Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued an Amended Order Giving Notice and Setting Intervention on April 14, which set an intervention deadline of May 13. Applications to intervene were timely filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. (AT&T).

In support of its application for intervention, SWBT states that because of its unique status as one of Miller's largest access customers, it has an interest in this proceeding which cannot be represented by any other party. SWBT states that it does not oppose the proposed elimination of the two dollar per month charge for touch tone service, but cannot take a firm position on other aspects of the stipulation until such time as it has completed a review of additional information.

In support of its application to intervene, AT&T states that as a competitive telecommunications company, its interests in this proceeding

are different from that of the general public, and that as a customer of Miller, AT&T believes it could be directly affected by the Commission's decision in this matter.

The Commission has reviewed the applications for intervention, and finds that they are in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention, and that the applicants each have an interest in this matter which is different from that of the general public. The Commission concludes that the requests for intervention should be granted.

The Commission also finds that it would be appropriate to set an early prehearing conference for June 16, 1998. The parties should use the early prehearing conference to discuss the possibility of settlement, and to delineate and narrow the issues. Therefore, the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than a week following the prehearing conference.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Kevin K. Zarling has complied with 4 CSR 240-2.040, and will be permitted to appear before the Commission *pro hac vice* on behalf of AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc.

2. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. are granted intervention in this proceeding.

3. That an early prehearing conference is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on June 16, 1998 in the Commission's hearing room on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

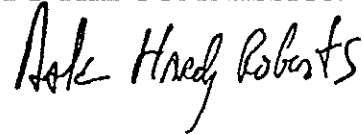
4. That anyone with special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission

at least ten days prior to the prehearing conference at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline -- 1-800-829-7541.

5. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule on June 23, 1998.

6. That this order shall become effective on June 8, 1998.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(S E A L)

Elaine E. Bensavage, 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 27th day of May, 1998.

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