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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Investigation by the Staff)
of the Missouri Public Service Commission into) Case No. TR-98-345
the Earnings of Lathrop Telephone Company.)

ORDER MODIFYING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On October 5, 1998, Lathrop Telephone Company (Company) filed a Motion to Postpone Procedural Schedule. The motion notes that the procedural schedule adopted in this case requires the filing of surrebuttal testimony no later than October 6, and the filing of a hearing memorandum no later than October 20. Due to a death in the family of counsel for the Company, counsel will be out of the office until October 8, and will be unable to coordinate with witnesses for Company in the preparation and filing of surrebuttal testimony. Accordingly, Company requested that the Commission extend the date for filing surrebuttal testimony from October 6 to October 13, and further suspend the date for filing the hearing memorandum from October 20 to October 27. The motion indicates that the evidentiary hearing in this matter is not set until November 19, 1998, so the proposed delay should not adversely prejudice any party's interest. The motion further indicates that counsel for Company has contacted the other parties of record and they have indicated no objection to the request for postponement.

The Commission will approve the modification of the procedural schedule as agreed to by the parties.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion to Postpone Procedural Schedule filed by Lathrop Telephone Company on October 5, 1998, is granted.

2. That the procedural schedule for this case is modified as follows:

Surrebuttal testimony October 13, 1998, 3:00 p.m.

Hearing memorandum October 27, 1998

Evidentiary hearing November 19, 1998, 9:00 a.m.

3. That this Order shall become effective on October 9, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Nancy Dippell, 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 9th day of October, 1998.