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ORDER AND NOTICE

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The Act provides that an interconnection agreement must be approved unless the state commission finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or that implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

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heard has been provided and no proper party has requested the opportunity to present evidence. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved or rejected an agreement within ninety days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously and, if there are no requests for a hearing, relief may be granted based on the verified petition. The Commission finds that notice of this application should be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Records Department of the Commission shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

2. That any party wishing to request a hearing or to participate without intervention in this matter shall file an application no later than May 18, 1998 with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, and send copies to:

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5454 West 110th Street
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3. That comments addressing whether this agreement meets the standards for approval of interconnection agreements must be filed no later than June 10, 1998.

4. That the Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefore no later than June 24, 1998.

5. That this order shall become effective on April 28, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dale H. Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale H. Roberts
Chief Regulatory Law Judge/Secretary

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 28th day of April, 1998.

Bensavage, Regulatory Law Judge

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