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On December 18, Townes filed its Motion for Approval of Application, Motion to Strike Motion to Reject Application, Suggestions

in Support requesting that the Commission strike the Motion to Reject Application as untimely and approve Townes' application to acquire all of Choctaw's outstanding stock.

The Commission will schedule a prehearing conference. The parties should be prepared to discuss the facts and stipulate to those facts which are not in dispute. Specifically, the parties should be prepared to discuss the data requests at issue. If the parties are not able to resolve the issues in this case, the parties shall then file a recommended procedural schedule for Commission approval.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a prehearing conference is now set in this matter on February 9, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. Commission's offices on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Conference Room 3, Jefferson City, Missouri. Any person with special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline -- 1-800-829-7541.

2. The parties shall file a recommended procedural schedule by February 19, 1999 for Commission approval.

3. That this order shall become effective on February 8, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Shelly A. Register, 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 January, 1999.

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