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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Southwestern Bell Telephone)
Company's Proposed Tariff Filed to Increase) Case No. TT-99-385
Activation Charge for Pay-Per-Use Auto Redial) Tariff No. 9900616
and Call Return; Increase Monthly Maximum.)

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

On February 24, 1999, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) submitted a tariff proposing an increase in the activation fee for its pay-per-use Auto Redial and Call Return services from \$0.50 to \$0.54, and an increase in the monthly maximum from \$4.00 to \$4.32. The tariff sheets (General Exchange Tariff, P.S.C. Mo. No. 35, Section 47, Fifth Revised Sheets No. 13.01 and 14.01, and Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 15) were assigned Tariff No. 9900616 and bear an effective date of April 1, 1999.

On March 9, 1999, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed a Motion to Reject Tariff. SWBT filed its response to OPC on March 15, 1999, and the Commission by notice set March 19, 1999, as the deadline by which OPC and the Commission's Staff might reply to SWBT's response. On March 19, 1999, OPC withdrew its motion and the Staff filed its position, stating that the rate increases proposed by SWBT are permitted by law and that the Commission must approve them.

SWBT is subject to price cap regulation under Section 392.245, RSMo Supp. 1998, pursuant to this Commission's Report and Order in Case

No. TO-97-397. Section 392.245.11, RSMo Supp. 1998, permits SWBT to annually raise its rates for nonbasic telecommunications services by eight percent. The services herein at issue are nonbasic services, Section 386.020(35), RSMo Supp. 1998, and the Commission takes notice that the increases in question are exactly eight percent. Therefore, the Commission is required to approve SWBT's tariff revisions within thirty days of filing. Section 382.245.11, RSMo Supp. 1998.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the revised tariff sheets filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, on February 24, 1999, tariff no. 9900616, are approved to become effective on April 1, 1999. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 35

Fifth Revised Sheet 13.01 Replacing Fourth Revised Sheet 13.01
Fifth Revised Sheet 14.01 Replacing Fourth Revised Sheet 14.01
Eleventh Revised Sheet 15 Replacing Tenth Revised Sheet 15

2. That this order shall become effective on April 1, 1999.
3. That this case shall be closed on April 2, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief
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 25th day of March, 1999.

