

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

ONEOK, Inc., 100 West Fifth Street,	)	
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<u>Case No. GC-99-557</u>
	)	
Southern Union Company, 504 Lavaca,	)	
Suite 800, Austin, Texas 78701,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

ORDER SETTING EARLY PREHEARING CONFERENCE  
AND GRANTING INTERVENTION

On May 11, 1999, ONEOK, Inc. (ONEOK) filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission against Southern Union Company (Southern Union). On May 26, 1999, the Commission issued a Notice of Complaint directing Southern Union to file an answer or file notification that the nature of the complaint has been satisfied. Southern Union filed its response to the Notice of Complaint and a motion for early prehearing conference on June 3, 1999. On the same date, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed an application to intervene.

On June 14, 1999, ONEOK filed a reply to the affirmative defenses of Southern Union. ONEOK filed corrected pages to its reply on June 15, 1999.

The Commission has reviewed SWBT's application and finds that it is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that SWBT has an interest in this matter different from that of the general public. The Commission concludes that SWBT's request for intervention should be granted.

In order that this case may proceed in a prompt and orderly fashion, the parties will be directed to attend an early prehearing conference. The purpose of the early prehearing conference will be to determine the scope of the issues raised in this complaint and to assist the parties in developing a proposed procedural schedule.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That an early prehearing conference shall be held on July 2, 1999 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The early prehearing conference shall be held at the Commission's office on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Anyone wishing to attend who has 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 prehearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

2. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is granted intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075.

3. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than July 12, 1999.

4. That this order shall become effective on June 30, 1999.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

( S E A L )

Vicky Ruth, 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 23rd day of June, 1999.

**R E C E I V E D**

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**COMMISSION COUNSEL  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**