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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Project)
Management Solutions, Inc. d/b/a Talk)
Solutions for a Certificate of Service) Case No. TA-99-617
Authority to Provide Basic Local Telecommuni-)
cations Services in the State of Missouri)
and for Competitive Classification)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION, SETTING PREHEARING
CONFERENCE AND DIRECTING FILING
OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On June 30, 1999, Project Management Solutions, Inc., d/b/a Talk Solutions (Talk Solutions), filed an application for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications services in the state of Missouri. Talk Solutions wishes to provide resold basic local telecommunications services in portions of the state of Missouri under 4 CSR 240-2.060(4). Applicant wishes to provide resold services in exchanges served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT), GTE Midwest Incorporated, and Sprint Missouri, Inc., d/b/a Sprint. On July 13, 1999, the Commission issued a notice and schedule of applicants directing interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than August 12, 1999.

SWBT filed a timely application to intervene on August 4, 1999. SWBT states that it has an interest in the Commission's decision in this case because it provides basic local exchange services and will be in direct competition with Talk Solutions if the certificate is granted. SWBT argues that no other party will

adequately protect its interests in this matter and that its intervention would be in the public interest because of SWBT's expertise and experience in the telecommunications industry.

The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that it is in compliance with the Commission rules regarding intervention and that the applicant has an interest in this matter that is different from the general public's. The Commission concludes that the request for intervention should be granted and the parties should file a proposed procedural schedule. An early prehearing conference shall be scheduled to afford the parties the opportunity to discuss, define, and possibly resolve the issues presented in this case, and to discuss a procedural schedule. The Commission will also set a date for the filing of a proposed schedule in order to ensure that this case progresses toward a prompt resolution. The procedural schedule must include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing. If no party requests a hearing, the Commission may grant the service authority and competitive classification requested without a hearing. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

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

2. That a prehearing conference shall be held on September 20, 1999, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The 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 before the prehearing conference at: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

3. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than October 15, 1999. The procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing.

4. That this order shall become effective on September 10, 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 31st day of August, 1999.

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