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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Ozark Telephone Company's)
Modernization Plan Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-) Case No. TM-95-134 ✓
32.100.)

In the Matter of the Local Exchange)
Telecommunications Companies') Case No. TO-93-309
Modernization Plans Pursuant to)
4 CSR 240-32.100.)

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

On June 28, 1996, Ozark Telephone Company (Ozark) filed a modernization plan with the Commission stating that it would complete the modernization of its exchanges by December 31, 1997. That deadline was extended until December 31, 1998 by the Commission's order of September 25, 1997. On September 8, 1998, Ozark filed a motion asking for a further extension of time, until December 31, 1999, for completion of its modernization plan. Ozark's motion indicates that it is seeking the extension because of a delay in obtaining financing from Rural Utility Services. On September 17, Staff filed a motion requesting an extension of time until October 23, to respond to Ozark's request for extension of time. A notice was issued by the Commission on September 22 informing Staff that its response was due no later than October 13. On October 9, Staff filed another motion requesting an extension of time until November 13 in which to submit its recommendations regarding Ozark's request for extension of time. Staff's motion indicates that it has recently met with Ozark to discuss the status of the modernization plan and has requested additional financial information from Ozark which may

take some time to compile. Staff requests that it be allowed until November 13, 1998 to respond to Ozark's request so that it may file a thorough response.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Staff's Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Ozark's Request for Extension of Time to Complete Modernization Plan is granted.

2. That Staff shall file its response to Ozark's motion for extension of time to complete modernization plan no later than November 13, 1998.

3. That this order shall become effective on October 29, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Morris L. Woodruff, 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 19th day of October, 1998.

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