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STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 18th day of March, 1999.

In the Matte:	r of the Inv	estigation	into)					
the Earnings	of McDonald	County Te	lephone)	•	Case	No.	TR-98-347	
Company.)	,				

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM

On December 9, 1998, the Staff of the Public Service Commission, McDonald County Telephone Company and the Office of the Public Counsel submitted a Revised Stipulation and Agreement to supersede and replace the Stipulation and Agreement previously filed on February 13. The Commission has several questions about the Revised Stipulation and Agreement that it would like to have answered before acting to approve or reject the Stipulation and Agreement.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Staff of the Public Service Commission is directed to file a supplemental memorandum answering the following questions of the Commission:
- a) Why was the digital electronic switching depreciation rate increased to provide \$27,444 in additional revenue?
- b) Why was the local switching rate established and who will be required to pay that rate?

- c) The standard stipulation and agreement language formerly provided that Staff could appear before the Commission at an agenda meeting, after notice to all parties, and answer the Commission's questions about the Stipulation and Agreement. This Stipulation and Agreement states that the Staff may submit a written memorandum. Why did the language in this document not provide that Staff could appear before the Commission at an agenda meeting?
- 2. That Staff's supplemental memorandum shall be filed no later than March 30, 1999.
- 3. That any party that wishes to file a response to Staff's supplemental memorandum shall do so no later than April 2, 1999.
 - 4. That this order shall become effective on March 30, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Lumpe, Ch., Murray, Schemenauer and Drainer, CC., concur Crumpton, C., absent

Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge

