STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY September 23, 1998

CASE NO: TM-99-76

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Enclosed find certified copy of ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

Hale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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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 23rd day of September, 1998.

In the Matter of the Merger of SBC)	
Communications, Inc. and Ameritech)	Case No. TM-99-76
Corporation.)	

ORDER REGARDING INTERVENTION, DENYING MOTION TO CHANGE DATE OF ORAL ARGUMENT, AND CHANGING TIME OF ORAL ARGUMENT

On September 8, 1998, the Commission issued an order scheduling an oral argument for September 30. On September 14, Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) filed an Application to Intervene and a Motion to Change Date of Oral Argument. The Commission issued a notice allowing parties the opportunity to respond to Sprint's pleadings. On September 18, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed its Opposition of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to Sprint Communications Company L.P.'s Application to Intervene and Motion to Change Date of Oral Argument. No other party responded to Sprint's pleadings.

It would be premature to grant Sprint intervention before the Commission decides whether it has and will exercise jurisdiction over this merger. The Commission will first decide jurisdictional issues, and then rule on Sprint's application to intervene. Since the Commission is not allowing Sprint intervention at this time, its Motion to Change Date of Oral Argument need not be granted.

To afford the Commission the opportunity to attend the oral argument as well as conduct its other business, the oral argument will begin at 10:00 a.m., rather than at 9:00 a.m. as originally scheduled.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Motion to Change Date of Oral Argument filed by Sprint Communications Company L.P. on September 14, 1998, is denied.
- 2. That oral argument will begin at 10:00 a.m. on September 30, 1998.
- That this order shall become effective on September 30,
 1998.

BY,THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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(SEAL)

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

Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Must Vote Not Later Than	Action taken: 3-0	Agenda Date Good Cause	Schemenauer, Commissioner Office Chair	Crumpton, Commissioner Murray, Commissioner	4	9-23 TM-99-76 Date Circulated CASE NO	NI/Sec'y: M;//5/180458
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STATE OF MISSOURI OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,

Missouri, this <u>23rd</u> day of <u>September</u>, 1998.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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