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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of     )  
Miller Telephone Company and Townes         )  
Telecommunications, Inc., for an Order       )  
Authorizing Townes Telecommunications,     )  
Inc., to Purchase or Acquire, Take or Hold   )  
All of the Issued and Outstanding Stock of   )  
Miller Telephone Company                     )

Case No. TM-2000-748

**ORDER AND NOTICE**

On May 11, 2000, Miller Telephone Company (Miller) and Townes Telecommunications, Inc. (Townes) filed a joint application with the Commission, requesting that the Commission authorize Miller and Townes to enter into a stock purchase agreement whereby Townes would purchase all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Miller. Proper parties should be given notice and an opportunity to intervene in this matter. The Records Department of the Commission shall send a copy of this order to the county commission for Lawrence County. The Information Officer of the Commission shall send notice of this application to the members of the General Assembly who represent Lawrence County, and to the newspapers that serve Lawrence County, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri. In addition, the Records Department of the Commission shall send notice to all basic local and interexchange telecommunications companies in Missouri.

Proper persons wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission. Copies of the application to intervene should be sent to the parties listed below.

The requirement of a hearing has been fulfilled when all those having a desire to be heard are offered an opportunity to be heard. If no proper party is granted intervention and neither the Commission's Staff nor the Office of the Public Counsel requests a hearing, the Commission may determine that a hearing is not necessary and that the Applicant may submit its evidence in support of the application by verified statement. 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 the Information Office and the Records Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall provide notice as set out herein.

2. That any interested person wishing to intervene in this case shall file an application on or before June 6, 2000 with:

Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and copies shall be served upon the following persons:

W.R. England, III  
Sondra B. Morgan  
Brydon, Swearngen & England P.C.  
312 East Capitol Avenue  
P.O. Box 456  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

and

Office of the Public Counsel  
P.O. Box 7800  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

3. That this order shall become effective on May 30, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

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 17th day of May, 2000.