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¹All references herein to the Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo), unless otherwise specified, are to the revision of 1994.

for arbitration on May 17, 1999, and the Commission granted the requested extension on May 18, 1999.

A prehearing conference was held on June 11, 1999. On June 15, 1999, Sprint moved for a protective order. On June 18, 1999, SWBT joined in Sprint's request that the Commission enter its standard protective order in this case. On June 22, 1999, the Commission issued its Order Adopting Procedural Schedule and Order Adopting Protective Order.

In order that the Commission may more easily carry out its statutory duty to arbitrate this matter and, in doing so, safeguard the interests and welfare of the people of the state of Missouri, the Commission finds that the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) is a necessary party herein. The Staff shall file rebuttal testimony, present and examine witnesses at the hearing, and file a brief herein.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission is made a party to this matter.

2. That this order shall become effective on July 6, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief
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 23rd day of June, 1999.

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