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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of WorkNet)	
Communications, Inc., for a Certificate of)	
Service Authority to Provide Basic Local)	<u>Case No. TA-99-292</u>
Telecommunications Services in the State of)	
Missouri and to Classify Said Services as)	
Competitive.)	

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

On January 5, 1999, WorkNet Communications, Inc. (WorkNet) filed an application for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service in the state of Missouri under 4 CSR 240-2.060(4). WorkNet wishes to provide resold and facilities-based basic local exchange telecommunications services throughout the exchange service areas of Southwestern Bell Telephone, GTE, and Sprint-United Telephone Companies. The Commission issued a Notice and Schedule of Applicants directing interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than February 18, 1999.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed a timely application to intervene. SWBT states that it has a direct interest in the Commission's decision because it provides basic local exchange services and will be in direct competition with this company if the certificate is granted. SWBT argues that no other party will adequately protect its interests in this matter and that its intervention is in the public interest because of SWBT's expertise and experience in the telecommunications industry.

The Commission has reviewed SWBT's application and finds that it is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that the applicant has an interest in this matter which is different from that of the general public. The request for intervention shall be granted.

This matter is now at issue and the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule. The procedural schedule must include either dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing, or a date for the filing of a Stipulation and Agreement. If no party requests a hearing, the Commission may grant the service authority and competitive classification requested without a hearing. 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 Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is granted intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4).
2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than April 15, 1999.

3. That this order shall become effective on March 26, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts".

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Vicky Ruth, 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 16th day of March, 1999.