# **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

## **OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of JATO Communications Corp. for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Basic Local Telecommunications Services and Exchange Access Telecommunications Services in the State of Missouri.

Case No. TA-99-148

### ORDER RESCHEDULING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

JATO Communications Corp. (JATO) filed an application on October 13, 1998, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications services and exchange access telecommunications service in the State of Missouri. On December 7, 1998, the Commission issued an order granting intervention to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT). By that same order, the Commission scheduled an early prehearing conference for January 14, 1999 and ordered the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule no later than January 21.

On January 13, JATO filed a Motion for Continuance that represented that JATO was involved in negotiations with SWBT concerning its application and that it believed that a Stipulation and Agreement would be reached and filed in the near future. JATO requested that the prehearing conference and procedural schedule be delayed to allow the parties further time to complete negotiations. In response to JATO's motion, the Commission issued a notice on January 13 that canceled the prehearing conference. A notice issued by the Commission on January 21 canceled the procedural schedule filing date.

As the parties have not yet filed a Stipulation and Agreement, it is now necessary to reschedule the early prehearing conference and procedural schedule filing date. An early prehearing conference will be scheduled for February 19, 1999. The parties should be prepared to discuss the facts and stipulate to those facts that are not in dispute. The Commission will also order the filing of a proposed procedural schedule to ensure that the case progresses. The procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing.

#### **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That an early prehearing conference shall be held on February 19, 1999, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference shall be held at the Commission's office on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Anyone wishing to attend who has special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days before the prehearing conference at: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than February 26, 1999. The procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing.

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That this order shall become effective on February 19,

1999.

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### BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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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 9th day of February, 1999.