

#### CASE NO: TO-2001-467

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

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Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge



#### STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 7th day of March, 2002.

In the Matter of the Investigation of the State of Competition in the Exchanges of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

Case No. TO-2001-467

# **ORDER DENYING APPLICATIONS FOR REHEARING**

This order denies the applications for rehearing.

On December 27, 2001, the Commission issued a Report and Order with an effective date of January 6, 2002. On January 4, 2002, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, the Office of the Public Counsel, and jointly, NuVox Communications of Missouri, Inc., MCImetro Access Transmission Services. LLC, Brooks Fiber Communications of Missouri, Inc., and MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. (jointly referred to as NuVox) filed applications for rehearing.

NuVox filed a response to Southwestern Bell's Application on January 9, 2002, and filed a further reply on January 18, 2002. Southwestern Bell filed a response to NuVox's application and to Public Counsel's application on January 14, 2002. Southwestern Bell filed a further reply on January 22, 2002.

Section 386.500, RSMo Supp. 2001, provides that the Commission shall grant an application for rehearing if "in its judgment sufficient reason therefor be made to appear." The arguments raised by Southwestern Bell, Public Counsel, and NuVox simply restate the arguments that were previously presented to the Commission and rejected in the Report

and Order. In the judgment of the Commission, Southwestern Bell, Public Counsel, and NuVox have failed to establish sufficient reason to grant their applications for rehearing.

## **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Application for Rehearing filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is denied.

2. That the Application for Rehearing filed by the Office of the Public Counsel is denied.

3. That the Application for Rehearing filed by NuVox Communications of

Missouri, Inc., MCImetro Access Transmission Services. LLC, Brooks Fiber Communica-

tions of Missouri, Inc., and MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. is denied.

- 4. That this order shall become effective on March 7, 2002.
- 5. That this case may close on March 8, 2002.

BY THE COMMISSION

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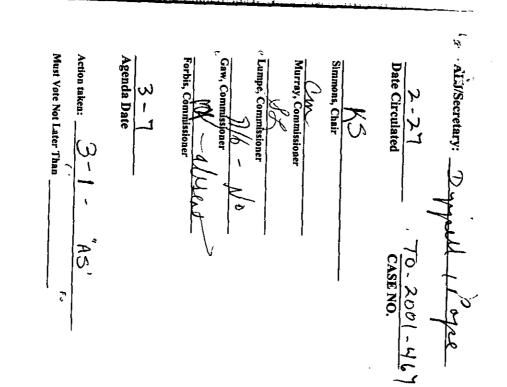
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(SEAL)

Simmons, Ch., Murray, and Lumpe, CC., concur. Gaw, C., dissents. Forbis, C., absent.

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

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# **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  $\underline{7^{th}}$  day of March 2002 .

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Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge