

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 25th
day of August, 1989.

In the matter of the revised tariff of)
Contel of Missouri, Inc. for authority) CASE NO. TR-89-254
to implement a St. Charles County)
Metro-I rate group.)

ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION

On June 19, 1989, Contel of Missouri, Inc. (Contel) filed a Petition and tariffs to implement a St. Charles County Metro-I rate group which would consolidate all of Contel's exchanges located in western St. Charles County into one calling scope. The exchanges which Contel proposes to consolidate are Augusta, Dardenne, Defiance, Foristell, New Melle, O'Fallon, St. Peters and Wentzville.

On July 18, 1989, the Commission suspended the tariffs and ordered Contel to file the proposed balloting procedures and notice to customers for Commission approval. On July 25, 1989, Contel filed the proposed notice and balloting procedures.

On August 23, 1989, the Commission Staff filed a recommendation concerning the balloting procedures and notice. Staff indicates that it has reviewed the notices and recommends their approval. Staff indicates though it is not convinced that the single majority customer approval proposal is equitable since even though a majority of customers in all of the exchanges may approve the consolidation, individual exchanges may not. Staff also questions the timing of the proposal since the Commission is considering statewide calling scope problems in Case No. TO-87-131.

The Commission has considered the proposal to consolidate the exchanges and is generally in favor of the proposal. The Commission has determined that the balloting procedures are a reasonable method of determining whether the customers in

these exchanges want the expanded calling scope as is proposed. The Commission has determined that Contel shall collect the information on an individual exchange basis for information purposes. The approval of the expanded calling scope though will be determined based upon the aggregate vote of the customers.

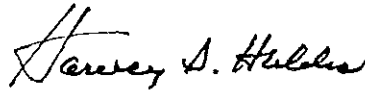
It is, therefore,

ORDERED: 1. That the notice to customers of the proposed extended calling plan is hereby approved.

ORDERED: 2. That Contel of Missouri, Inc., shall collect the ballot results on an individual exchange basis as well as in the aggregate and file the results with the Commission.

ORDERED: 3. That this Order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION



Harvey G. Hubbs
Secretary

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Steinmeier, Chm., Mueller, Fischer,
and Rauch, CC., Concur.