

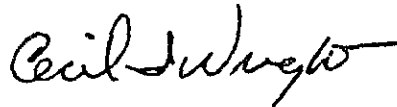
**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY**

MARCH 7, 1997

CASE NO: TW-97-333

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cecil L. Wright".

**Cecil L. Wright
Executive Secretary**

Uncertified Copy:

**Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, MO 65102
To all Local and Interexchange Service Providers**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 7th
day of March, 1997.

ORDER ESTABLISHING DOCKET

In the twelve months since the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act) was enacted, the Commission has monitored the rapid and varied changes which have taken place in the telecommunications industry. The Commission finds it appropriate to review the community optional services (COS) as they are now provided in the State of Missouri in light of local competition and equal access issues.

The Commission has reviewed the testimony regarding this issue which was filed in Case No. TT-96-398 and finds it appropriate to establish a new case for further investigation of COS related issues. The Commission will allow a brief period for notice and shortly thereafter will require all participants to this case to file direct, and subsequently rebuttal, testimony regarding the issues raised in this investigation. The Commission anticipates that at the conclusion of receiving testimony, a hearing will be convened for the final presentation of the positions of the various participants and so that the Commission's questions regarding the testimony may be directed to the appropriate participant. Thereafter, the Commission will issue an order setting out the resolution of this issue and directing the participants to meet for the purpose of any transition and implementation which may be required by the Commission's order in this case.

The participants are specifically directed to frame their testimony to correspond to the following straw COS proposal:

- A. Participants shall assume a change from the current two-way COS to one-way COS with a one-way reciprocal COS or, in the alternative, using an 800 number based service as suggested by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) in its testimony filed in Case No. TT-96-398. This proposal would remain a toll service.
- B. The participants shall assume retention of the current compensation mechanism unless the participants choose to present testimony to substantiate the necessity of an alternative proposal.

Based upon this straw proposal and the necessity for COS changes to be accomplished under equal access arrangements, the participants shall respond to the following issues/questions (and shall number their responses accordingly):

- 1. Is the appropriate pricing mechanism for one-way COS with reciprocal service the same as set out by the Staff in Case No. TT-96-398? If not, so indicate and substantiate an alternative proposal.
- 2. Shall all competitive LECs be required to offer this service?
- 3. What, if any, change must be made in the primary toll carrier (PTC) plan to accommodate or accomplish the proposed COS changes herein?
- 4. Shall the Commission stay all pending and future COS applications?
- 5. What is the participants' proposal for educating the public?

In addition, the Commission would like the participants to explore and discuss the potential for LATAwide or statewide flat-rate COS. The participants should offer their assessments as to whether a LATAwide or statewide flat-rate calling scope might be a viable substitute for the current COS arrangements. This may be addressed under the heading of issue

No. 6 and any further issues which the participants wish to raise may be numerated as issues 7, et seq.

To ensure extensive dissemination of this order the Commission will direct the Records Department to send a copy of this order to every certificated local exchange company and every certificated interexchange carrier in the State of Missouri. In addition, the Commission will direct the Information Office to send a copy of this order to all members of the General Assembly and to all newspapers in the State of Missouri as listed in the Newspaper Directory of the *Official Manual of the State of Missouri*.

The Commission recognizes the creation of this case as an instance where the Commission is exercising its quasi-legislative powers to establish working groups and to inquire into policy matters. This is not a contested case scenario which requires the participants to be represented by licensed attorneys. Therefore, the Commission will designate this case as a "TW" indicating a telephone working-group case. Any entity interested in participating in this docket shall file a "Notice of Participation." At the conclusion of the period for registration of interested participants, the Commission will publish a list of all active participants to this case for the purpose of providing service of documents on all participants. Although this is not a contested case, the participants to this case shall be expected to provide copies of all filings and documents in this case to every other participant to this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That notice of this order shall be issued by the Information Office and the Records Department as set out herein.
2. That any interested participant shall file its notice of participation in this case not later than March 21, 1997. Every such notice shall list the participant's name, address, telephone number and FAX number.

3. That all participants shall file direct testimony addressing the issues, as enumerated herein, not later than April 11, 1997.

4. That all participants shall file rebuttal testimony not later than 3:00 p.m. on May 2, 1997.


5. That the participants shall appear to present their statement in support of their positions and to address questions from the bench regarding their positions on May 15, 1997, and continue through May 16, 1997, if necessary. Said hearing shall be held in the Commission's hearing room 520B, located on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, Jefferson City, Missouri, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

6. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file an Issues Memorandum which sets out the issues and the positions of the various participants on each issue in this case. Such Issues Memorandum shall be filed not later than May 6, 1997. Every participant to this case shall submit its list of issues and a concise statement of its position on each issue with the Staff not later than 3:00 p.m. on May 2, 1997. The Staff, in assembling this document may present the Issues Memorandum in the form of a chart so as to set out briefly each participant's position for each issue. Staff may include such other explanatory material within the Issues Memorandum as it deems appropriate.

7. Any person(s) with special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline --1-800-829-7541.

8. That this Order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cecil I. Wright".

Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

(S E A L)

Zobrist, Chm., Crumpton, and
Drainer, CC., Concur.
McClure, C., Not Participating.

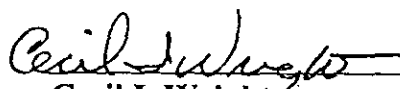
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 Agenda Date: 3-5-97
 Action taken: 3-30, A/Am
(McClure, N/P)

STATE OF MISSOURI
 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 7 day of MARCH, 1997.


 Cecil I. Wright
 Executive Secretary