BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the request for community)	
optional service from Southwestern Bell)	
Telephone's Carthage exchange to)	CASE NO. TO-96-224
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's)	
Joplin and Webb City exchanges.)	

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF SHEETS

On September 23, 1996, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Bell) filed tariff sheets pursuant to the Order of Implementation issued by the Commission in this case on June 11, 1996. On October 9, 1996, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum recommending that the Commission approve the tariff sheets for service on and after October 25, 1996.

Based on Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that Bell's proposed tariff sheets are in compliance with the Commission's Order of Implementation of June 11, 1996. Thus, the Commission determines that the tariff sheets filed by Bell should be approved for service on and after October 25, 1996.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following tariff sheets filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company are hereby approved for service on and after October 25, 1996:

P.S.C. MO. No. 26

15th Revised Sheet No. 39 Canceling 14th Revised Sheet No. 39; 16th Revised Sheet No. 40 Canceling 15th Revised Sheet No. 40; 8th Revised Sheet No. 41 Canceling 7th Revised Sheet No. 41; 12th Revised Sheet No. 42 Canceling 11th Revised Sheet No. 42; 2nd Revised Sheet No. 43 Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 43. 2. That this Order shall become effective on October 25, 1996.

BY THE COMMISSION

Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

(SEAL)

Mark A. Grothoff, Administrative Law Judge, by delegation of authority under Commission Directive of January 3, 1995, pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 15th day of October, 1996.