

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 19th
day of March, 1991.

In the matter of Contel of Missouri, Inc.,)
Contel System of Missouri, Inc., and)
Contel of Eastern Missouri, Inc., to file)
tariffs to include "Lifeline Service".)

CASE NO. TR-91-283

ORDER APPROVING TARIFFS

On February 22, 1991, Contel of Missouri, Inc., Contel System of Missouri, Inc., and The Kansas State Telephone Company d/b/a Contel of Eastern Missouri (hereinafter collectively referred to as Contel) filed revised tariffs to implement Lifeline Service in the State of Missouri. The tariff sheets have a proposed effective date of March 24, 1991, however, the Company requests that the Commission allow the tariffs to go into effect on less than thirty days notice.

The tariffs describe Lifeline Service as a federal assistance program designed to assist low income individuals to pay for telephone service. Through the tariffs Contel proposes to apply a \$2.00 credit to the monthly recurring rate for local exchange service and a \$2.00 credit to the monthly recurring Federal End User Charge.

Applicants for the Lifeline Service are certified by the Department of Social Services as eligible to receive Utilicare benefits. The Commission's Telecommunications Staff has reviewed the Contel tariffs and has recommended approval on March 18, 1991, the requested effective date. In the Commission's opinion the Staff's recommendation should be adopted and sufficient good cause is shown for approval of the tariffs on less than the customary thirty day notice since the tariffs will provide assistance for low income individuals paying for basic telephone service.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following tariff sheets filed by the Contel Companies on February 22, 1991, be approved for service on and after April 5, 1991.

THE KANSAS STATE TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a CONTEL OF EASTERN MISSOURI

PSC MO. NO. 1, Section 1, Second Revised Sheet 3
PSC MO. NO. 1, Section 6, Second Revised Sheet 1
PSC MO. NO. 1, Section 6, Original Sheet 11

CONTEL SYSTEM OF MISSOURI, INC.

PSC MO. NO. 3, Section 1, Third Revised Sheet 5
PSC MO. NO. 3, Section 6, Third Revised Sheet 1
PSC MO. NO. 3, Section 6, Original Sheet 6

CONTEL OF MISSOURI, INC.

PSC MO. NO. 10, Section 1, First Revised Sheet 5
PSC MO. NO. 10, Section 6, Original Sheet 5

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

BY THE COMMISSION

Brent Stewart

Brent Stewart
Executive Secretary

(S E A L)

Steinmeier, Chm., Rauch and
McClure, CC., Concur.
Mueller and Letsch-Roderique,
CC., Dissent.