

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 5th
day of December, 1995.

In the matter of an investigation of interLATA)
Community Optional Service.) Case No. TO-90-323
)

In the matter of the petitions for interLATA)
Community Optional Service.) Case No. TO-92-51
)

ORDER CLOSING CASES

On May 30, 1990, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) established Case No. TO-90-323 to consider whether Community Optional Service (COS) could be provided across Local Access and Transport Area (LATA) boundaries. Several petitions had been filed requesting interLATA COS after the Commission approved intraLATA COS. Case No. TO-92-51 was established to hold the petitions for specific requests for interLATA COS. On December 28, 1990, the Commission, in Case No. TO-90-323, issued an order suspending the procedural schedule in that case. On June 30, 1994, a report was filed by the parties which addressed the issues concerning the provision of COS across LATA boundaries. The report indicated that there was not a significant number of customers seeking interLATA COS to establish a statewide plan and most of those customers' concerns could be addressed by interexchange carrier (IXC) toll discount options. Only two out of 136 routes studied passed a community of interest test. Other options, such as one-way extended area service and foreign exchange lines, were considered and found to be uneconomical.

The Commission has reviewed the report of the technical committee and finds that no further action is warranted in these cases. Based upon the report, there

is limited demand for COS and many options for similar services provided by local exchange companies are potentially uneconomical. With the restrictions on Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) from providing interLATA COS service still in place and the existence of IXCs as providers of similar services, the Commission finds that no statewide solution should be adopted. The Commission will therefore close these cases.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Case No. TO-90-323 is hereby closed.
2. That Case No. TO-92-51 is hereby closed.
3. That this order shall become effective on the 15th day of December, 1995.

BY THE COMMISSION



**David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary**

(S E A L)

Mueller, Chm., McClure and
Drainer, CC., concur.
Kincheloe and Crumpton, CC.,
absent.