

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 21st
day of August, 1992.

In the matter of the request for community optional)
service from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's)
Argyle exchange to United Telephone Company of) CASE NO. TO-91-39
Missouri's Jefferson City exchange and Southwestern)
Bell Telephone Company's Meta, Vienna, Linn,)
Freeburg and Westphalia exchanges.)

ORDER OF PARTIAL DISMISSAL AND
DIRECTING ADDITIONAL CALLING STUDY

The Commission has received a petition signed by residents of the Argyle exchange requesting extra-exchange calling at less than toll rates from the Argyle exchange served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to the Jefferson City exchange served by United Telephone Company and to the Meta, Vienna, Linn, Freeburg and Westphalia exchanges served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

By order issued August 24, 1990, the Commission directed Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to perform a calling usage study covering one billing cycle in order to ascertain whether a sufficient community of interest exists between these exchanges to justify providing them with community optional service (COS).

On December 13, 1990, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company filed the results of the calling usage study performed in said exchanges. The results of said study are as follows:

<u>Originating Exchange</u>	<u>Terminating Exchange</u>	<u>Average Calls Per Access Line</u>	<u>Percent Making 2+ Calls</u>
Argyle	Jefferson City	6.78	63.74
Argyle	Meta	1.88	28.21
Argyle	Vienna	4.78	46.89
Argyle	Linn	1.30	26.37
Argyle	Freeburg	2.75	32.97
Argyle	Westphalia	2.42	37.36

In its Report and Order issued in Case No. TO-87-131, the Commission found that a community of interest would be demonstrated if a calling usage study showed that six calls per access line per month are made on the average from the petitioning exchange to the requested exchange and two-thirds of the customers in the petitioning exchange make two or more calls per month to the requested exchange. *In re the investigation of experimental extended measured service (ENS)*, 30 Mo. P.S.C. (N.S.) 45 (1990).

Since the Argyle to Meta, Vienna, Linn, Freeburg and Westphalia routes did not demonstrate a sufficient community of interest, the Commission determines that the petition for these routes should be dismissed. Since the Argyle to Jefferson City route passed the calls per access line criterion and was extremely close to the two calls per month criterion, the Commission determines that a new calling study should be conducted for that route.

Even though the petition for the Argyle to Meta, Vienna, Linn, Freeburg and Westphalia routes has been dismissed, customers in those exchanges may still be provided expanded calling through a statewide expanded calling scope plan currently under consideration by the Commission in Case No. TO-92-306. The plan under consideration would implement a Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) service in St. Louis, Kansas City and Springfield. The MCA service modifies and expands the Wide Area Service Plan currently in place in St. Louis and Kansas City. The plan

being considered by the Commission would also provide an Outstate Calling Area (OCA) service for those exchanges not included in an MCA. The OCA service would be an optional service offered for expanded calling beyond a customer's local exchange. The Commission is considering two alternatives for the scope of the OCA: a 23-mile radius from each exchange's central office or a 23-mile multipoint service measured from central office to central office.

Inquiries concerning the calling scope plan under consideration by the Commission should be directed to the Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P. O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the petition for community optional service from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's Argyle exchange to its Meta, Vienna, Linn, Freeburg and Westphalia exchanges is hereby dismissed.

2. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company shall perform a calling usage study covering one billing cycle for the traffic from the Argyle exchange to United Telephone Company's Jefferson City exchange.

3. That the results of the calling study herein ordered shall be filed within one hundred twenty (120) days from the effective date of this order.

4. That this order shall become effective on September 1, 1992.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Brent Stewart

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Executive Secretary

McClure, Chm., Perkins and
Kincheloe, CC., Concur.
Mueller, C., Dissents.
Rauch, C., Not Participating.