

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 23rd
day of August, 1995.

In the matter of Southwestern Bell Telephone)
Company's tariff revision designed to allow)
a customer the ability to have their local)
exchange service delivered to an interexchange)
carrier's (IXC) point of presence and to have)
that service share the same facility with the)
access service being used by the IXC.)

CASE NO. TT-96-43

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF SHEETS

On August 10, 1995, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed tariff sheets designed to remove language from SWBT's tariff which prohibits the combining of local and access traffic on a common circuit. SWBT is proposing the changes because of interexchange carrier (IXC), enhanced service provider (ESP), and business customer requests. The proposed tariff sheets will also change text referring to equipment used with "SmartTrunk" service and Digital Loop service. SWBT requested expedited treatment of the tariff sheets.

IXCs customarily terminate local service at their point of presence which is the physical location where the IXC interfaces with the local exchange company. However, IXCs are permitted to use local service for administrative purposes only. These administrative services enter the point of presence on circuits separate from the IXCs access service circuits which are used for interexchange access purposes. Digital "T1" and "T3" circuits, which each contain 24 and 672 individual lines respectively, are often used as circuits which interface with an IXC's point of presence. Under SWBT's existing tariff language, every individual line in a "T1" or "T3" circuit must be used exclusively for interexchange access or local service, but not both.

By removing current restrictions in SWBT's tariff, access services and local services would be provided over a common "T1" or "T3" circuit to the IXC's point of presence. One line in a circuit could be used for interexchange access and another line in the same circuit could be used for local service. Each individual line, though, could still only be used for one type of service. IXCs would still be subject to the same rules mandating that they use access service lines for interexchange purposes only and local service lines for administrative purposes only.

Where an ESP is situated in the same location as an IXC's point of presence, the ESP's traffic could be routed over common "T1" and "T3" circuits to the point of presence, even though some traffic may be interexchange access and some may be local. The proposed revisions would benefit business customers by reducing the amount of splitting and multiplexing that is being performed under current conditions. Business customers with dedicated access and local service within the same calling area would be able to combine the two services onto a common "T1" or "T3" circuit.

SWBT is also proposing to modify tariff language to reflect changes in private branch exchange (PBX) and customer premise equipment (CPE) technology. Current text states that "SmartTrunk" and Digital PBX services are offered only for use with compatibly equipped FCC Part 68 registered PBX equipment. Because of changes in technology, a circuit may interface with systems other than PBX equipment such as a computer or other types of CPE. SWBT is proposing to revise the text of its tariff to specify a connection with CPE which includes PBX and other terminal equipment.

On August 21, 1995, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum recommending that the Commission approve SWBT's proposed tariff sheets. Staff states that it is unaware of any other filings which

would affect or which would be affected by this proposal. Staff also states that it has no objections to the proposed tariff sheets or to their approval on an expedited basis.

Upon review of the proposed tariff sheets and Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that SWBT's proposal is reasonable. Thus, the Commission determines that the tariff sheets filed by SWBT on August 10, 1995, should be approved for service on and after August 25, 1995.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following tariff sheets filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company are hereby approved for service on and after August 25, 1995:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 35-Section 17

4th Revised Sheet No. 10 Cancelling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 10;

P.S.C. Mo. No. 35-Section 38

2nd Revised Sheet No. 1 Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 1;

P.S.C. Mo. No. 41-Section 2

2nd Revised Sheet No. 2 Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 2.

2. That this Order shall become effective on August 25, 1995.

BY THE COMMISSION



David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary

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Mueller, Chm., McClure, Kincheloe,
Crumpton and Drainer, CC., Concur.