

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 25th
day of August, 1992.

In the matter of the request for community)
optional service from Northeast Missouri)
Rural Telephone's Martinstown exchange to)
Southwestern Bell Telephone's Lancaster) Case No. TO-92-42
exchange and GTE North's Queen City)
exchange.)

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

The Commission has received a petition signed by residents of the
Martinstown exchange requesting extra-exchange calling at less than toll rates
from the Martinstown exchange served by Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone
Company to the Lancaster exchange served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
and the Queen City exchange served by GTE North Incorporated.

By order issued October 2, 1991, the Commission directed Northeast
Missouri Rural 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 January 6, 1992, Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company
submitted to the Commission the results of the calling usage study performed in
said exchanges. The results of said study are as follows:

<u>Originating</u> <u>Exchange</u>	<u>Terminating</u> <u>Exchange</u>	<u>Average</u> <u>Calls Per</u> <u>Access Lines</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Making</u> <u>2+ Calls</u>
Martinstown	Lancaster	2.20	25.60%
Martinstown	Queen City	2.00	26.90%

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 (EMS)*, 30 Mo. P.S.C. (N.S.) 45 (1990).

Since the petitioned routes did not demonstrate a sufficient community of interest, the Commission determines that this case should be dismissed.

Even though the COS petition in this case has been dismissed, customers 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 this case is hereby dismissed.

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

BY THE COMMISSION

Brent Stewart

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Executive Secretary

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McClure, Chm., Mueller and
Kincheloe, CC., Concur.
Rauch, C., Not participating.
Perkins, C., Absent.