

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 24th
day of September, 1996.

In the matter of the request for community optional)
service from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's) CASE NO. TO-96-379
Puxico exchange to Southwestern Bell Telephone)
Company's Poplar Bluff exchange.)

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

The Commission has received a petition signed by residents of the Puxico exchange requesting extra-exchange calling at less than toll rates from the Puxico exchange served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Bell) to the Poplar Bluff exchange also served by Bell.

By order issued May 17, 1996, the Commission directed Bell 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 August 15, 1996, Bell filed 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 Line</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Making</u> <u>2+ Calls</u>
Puxico	Poplar Bluff	9.04	55.17.

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 (1989).

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

Although the COS petition in this case will be dismissed, customers may still be provided expanded calling through a statewide expanded calling scope plan approved by the Commission in Case No. TO-92-306. The plan implements a Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) service in St. Louis, Kansas City and Springfield. The plan also provides an Outstate Calling Area (OCA) service for those exchanges not included in an MCA. The OCA service is an optional service offered for expanded calling beyond a customer's local exchange within a 23-mile radius from each exchange's central office. *In re the Establishment of a Plan for Expanded Calling Scopes in Metropolitan and Outstate Exchanges*, 2 Mo. P.S.C. 3d 1 (1992).

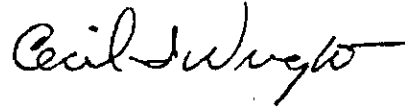
Inquiries concerning the expanded calling scope plan approved by the Commission should be directed to the Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P. O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That this case is hereby dismissed.

2. That this Order shall become effective on October 4, 1996.

BY THE COMMISSION



Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

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Zobrist, Chm., McClure, Kincheloe,
Crompton, and Drainer, CC., Concur.

ALJ: Grothoff