

STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 11th  
day of September, 1992.

In the matter of the request for community optional )  
service from Southwestern Bell Telephone's St. Clair )  
exchange to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's )  
Harvester, St. Charles, St. Louis metropolitan area, ) CASE NO. TO-90-163  
Union, Washington, Eureka, Pacific and Gray Summit )  
exchanges and Contel of Missouri, Inc.'s St. Peters )  
exchange. )

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

The Commission has received a petition signed by residents of the St. Clair exchange requesting extra-exchange calling at less than toll rates from the St. Clair exchange served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to the Harvester, St. Charles, St. Louis metropolitan area, Union, Washington, Eureka, Pacific and Gray Summit exchanges served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and to the St. Peters exchange served by Contel of Missouri, Inc.

By order issued February 13, 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 June 26, 1990, the Commission ordered Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to conduct another calling usage study for the route from the St. Clair exchange to the St. Louis metropolitan area exchange and dismissed the petition for the other routes for failing to meet the criteria for implementation of COS. On October 31, 1990, the Commission ordered Southwestern Bell Telephone Company

to conduct an additional calling usage study for the route from the St. Clair exchange to the St. Louis metropolitan area exchange.

On February 8, 1991, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company filed the results of the additional calling usage study performed in said exchanges. The results of said study are as follows:

| <u>Originating<br/>Exchange</u> | <u>Terminating<br/>Exchange</u> | <u>Average<br/>Calls Per<br/>Access Line</u> | <u>Percent<br/>Making<br/>2+ Calls</u> |
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| St. Clair                       | St. Louis metropolitan          | 8.41   | 61.62                                  |

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 petitioned route 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 22, 1992.

BY THE COMMISSION

*Brent Stewart*

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Executive Secretary

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