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STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 22nd  
day of September, 1992.

In the matter of the request for community optional )  
service from Mid-Missouri Telephone Company's )  
Fortuna exchange to United Telephone Company's ) CASE NO. TO-90-246  
Tipton and California exchanges and Southwestern )  
Bell Telephone Company's Versailles and Sedalia )  
exchanges. )

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

On March 20, 1990, the Commission received a petition signed by residents of the Fortuna exchange requesting extra-exchange calling at less than toll rates from the Fortuna exchange served by Mid-Missouri Telephone Company (Mid-Mo) to the Tipton and California exchanges served by United Telephone Company and to the Versailles and Sedalia exchanges served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

By order issued April 6, 1990, the Commission directed Mid-Mo 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 July 11, 1990, the Commission stayed the calling studies for the Fortuna to Versailles and California routes because they are interLATA. Those routes are currently docketed in Case No. TO-92-51. On October 26, 1990, the Commission ordered Mid-Mo to conduct another calling usage study for the route from the Fortuna exchange to the Tipton exchange and dismissed the petition for the Fortuna to Sedalia route for failing to meet the criteria for implementation of COS.

On March 29, 1991, Mid-Mo filed the results of the additional calling usage study performed in the Fortuna to Tipton exchange. 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> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Fortuna                         | Tipton                          | 7.72                                         | 65.60                                  |

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

Even though the petition for the Fortuna to Tipton route 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 October 2, 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.