

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 2nd day of September, 1992.

In the matter of the request for community optional)
service from Contel of Missouri's Reeds Spring)
exchange to Contel of Missouri's Highlandville,) Case No. TO-90-375
Ozark, and Galena exchanges, and Southwestern Bell)
Telephone Company's Springfield exchange.)

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

The Commission has received a petition signed by residents of the Reeds Spring exchange requesting extra-exchange calling at less than toll rates from the Reeds Spring exchange served by Contel of Missouri to the Highlandville, Ozark and Galena exchanges also served by Contel of Missouri and the Springfield exchange served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

By order issued July 27, 1990, the Commission directed Contel of Missouri to perform calling usage studies 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 October 17, 1990, Contel of Missouri filed the results of the calling usage studies performed in said exchanges. The results of said studies are as follows:

<u>Originating Exchange</u>	<u>Terminating Exchange</u>	<u>Average Calls Per Access Line</u>	<u>Percent Making 2+ Calls</u>
Reeds Spring	Highlandville	.689	8.91
Reeds Spring	Ozark	.709	9.40
Reeds Spring	Galena	2.470	32.27
Reeds Spring	Springfield	5.581	52.89

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 the 15th day of
September, 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.