

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 Knob Noster exchange to)
United Telephone Company's Warrensburg)
exchange.)

CASE NO. TO-96-368

ORDER OF IMPLEMENTATION

On December 29, 1989, the Commission issued a Report and Order in Case No. TO-87-131 directing local exchange companies (LECs) in Missouri to offer community optional service (COS) in exchanges demonstrating a community of interest. The Commission determined that a community of interest is demonstrated when an average of six calls per access line per month are made from petitioning exchange to the requested exchange and two-thirds of the customers in the petitioning exchange make two or more calls to the requested exchange per month. **In re the investigation of experimental extended measured service (EMS)**, 30 Mo. P.S.C. (N.S.) 45 (1989).

On December 23, 1992, the Commission issued a Report and Order in Case No. TO-92-306 approving a statewide expanded calling scope plan. The plan, among other provisions, modified COS to a two-way service only and adjusted the rates for COS. The Commission also assigned primary toll carriers (PTCs) to implement COS in exchanges demonstrating a community of interest. **In re the establishment of a plan for expanded calling scopes in metropolitan and outstate exchanges**, 2 Mo. P.S.C.3d 1 (1992).

On May 1, 1996, the Commission received a petition signed by the residents of the Knob Noster exchange requesting COS from the Knob

Noster exchange to the Warrensburg exchange. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Bell) is the LEC for the Knob Noster exchange and United Telephone Company is the LEC for the Warrensburg exchange. Bell is also the assigned PTC for this route.

On May 9, 1996, the Commission directed Bell to perform a calling usage study to ascertain whether a sufficient community of interest exists between these exchanges. 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>Original Exchange</u>	<u>Terminating Exchange</u>	<u>Average Calls Per Access Line</u>	<u>Percent Making 2+ Calls</u>
Knob Noster	Warrensburg	10.96	67.10.

On September 17, 1996, the Staff of the Commission filed a memorandum recommending that COS be implemented between Knob Noster and Warrensburg within 120 days.

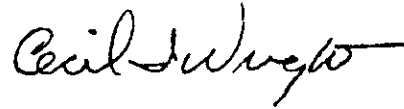
Inasmuch as the petitioning route has met the calling criteria set forth by the Commission in Case No. TO-87-131, the Commission finds that a community of interest has been demonstrated. Thus, the Commission determines that COS should be implemented between the Knob Noster exchange and the Warrensburg exchange within 120 days after this Order is issued.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company shall implement community optional service between the Knob Noster exchange and the Warrensburg exchange within 120 days after the issuance of this Order.

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,
Crumpton, and Drainer, CC., Concur.

ALJ: Grothoff