STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 21st day of August, 1992.

In the matter of the request for community optional)	
service from Grand River Mutual Telephone's Lucerne)	CASE NO. TO-91-370
exchange to GTE North's Unionville exchange and)	
Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone's Lemons exchange.)	

ORDER OF PARTIAL DISMISSAL AND DIRECTING ADDITIONAL CALLING STUDY

The Commission has received a petition signed by residents of the Lucerne exchange requesting extra-exchange calling at less than toll rates from the Lucerne exchange served by Grand River Mutual Telephone Company to the Unionville exchange served by GTE North and to the Lemons exchange served by Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company.

By order issued May 29, 1991, the Commission directed Grand River Mutual 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 September 16, 1991, Grand River Mutual Telephone Company filed the results of the calling usage study performed in said exchanges. The results of said study are as follows:

Originating Exchange	Terminating Exchange	Average Calls Per <u>Access Line</u>	Percent Making 2+ Calls
Lucerne	Unionville	9.985	63.50
Lucerne	Lemons	.471	.080

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 Lucerne to Lemons route did not demonstrate a sufficient community of interest, the Commission determines the petition for that route should be dismissed. Since the Lucerne to Unionville route passed the calls per access line criterion and was extremely close to the two calls per month criterion, the Commission determines that a new calling study should be conducted for this route.

Even though the petition for the Lucerne to Lemons route has been dismissed, customers in those exchanges 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 the petition for community optional service from Grand River
 Mutual Telephone Company's Lucerne exchange to Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone
 Company's Lemons exchange is hereby dismissed.
- 2. That Grand River Mutual Telephone Company shall perform a calling study covering one billing cycle for the traffic from the Lucerne exchange to GTE North's Unionville exchange.
- 3. That the results of the calling study herein ordered shall be filed within one hundred twenty (120) days from the effective date of this order.
 - 4. That this order shall become effective on September 1, 1992.

BY THE COMMISSION

Brent Stewart
Executive Secretary

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