

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 8th day of November, 1996.

In the Matter of the Request for Community)
Optional Service from United Telephone's)
Richland Exchange to United Telephone's)
Waynesville, St. Robert and Fort Leonard)
Wood Exchanges.)

CASE NO. TO-96-420

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

The Commission received a petition on June 5, 1996, requesting extra-exchange calling at less than toll rates from the Richland exchange served by United Telephone Company ("United") to the Waynesville, St. Robert and Fort Leonard Wood exchanges, also served by United. The Commission issued an order on June 13, 1996, directing United to perform a calling usage study covering one billing cycle to determine whether a sufficient community of interest exists between these exchanges to justify providing them with community optional service (COS).

United filed the results of the calling usage study performed in these exchanges on October 9, 1996. The study results show:

Originating Exchange	Terminating Exchange	Average calls per access line	Percent making > 2 calls
Richland	Waynesville	5.2	41 percent
Richland	St. Robert	3.0	34 percent
Richland	Fort Leonard Wood	1.3	16 percent

The Staff of the Commission ("Staff") filed a memorandum on October 25, 1996, stating that Staff had reviewed the results of the calling usage study and concluded that the study had been properly performed and tabulated. Staff stated that the frequency and distribution

of calls between the exchanges do not meet the Commission's calling criteria for COS and the petition should be dismissed.

The Commission has reviewed the calling study results and Staff's recommendation. The Commission found in Case No. TO-87-131 that a community of interest would be demonstrated if a calling usage study showed that an average of six calls per access line per month are made from the petitioning exchange to the requested exchange, and that 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 (1989). Since the petitioning routes in this case did not demonstrate a sufficient community of interest, the Commission determines that the case should be dismissed.

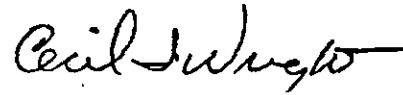
Although the COS petition in this case will be dismissed, customers may participate in a statewide expanded calling scope plan approved by the Commission. The plan implements a Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) service in St. Louis, Kansas City and Springfield, and an Outstate Calling Area (OCA) service for those exchanges not included in an MCA. The OCA is an optional service providing expanded calling within a 23-mile radius of an exchange's central office. *In re the Establishment of a Plan for Expanded Calling Scopes in Metropolitan and Outstate Exchanges*, 2 Mo. P.S.C. 3d 1 (1992). Inquiries concerning these expanded calling scope plans 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 dismissed.

2. That this Order shall become effective on November 19,
1996.

BY THE COMMISSION



Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

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Zobrist, Chm., McClure, Kincheloe,
Crompton, and Drainer, CC., Concur.

ALJ: Wickliffe