

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 18th
day of September, 1992.

In the matter of the request for community optional)
service from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's) Case No. TO-90-343
Linn exchange to United Telephone Company's)
Jefferson City and Taos exchanges.)

ORDER OF PARTIAL DISMISSAL AND DIRECTING ADDITIONAL CALLING STUDY

The Commission has received a petition signed by residents of the Linn exchange requesting extra-exchange calling at less than toll rates from the Linn exchange served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWB) to the Jefferson City and Taos exchanges served by United Telephone Company.

By order issued July 3, 1990, the Commission directed SWB 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 29, 1990, SWB filed the results of the calling usage studies performed in said exchanges. The results of said studies are as follows:

<u>Originating</u> <u>Exchange</u>	<u>Terminating</u> <u>Exchange</u>	<u>Average</u> <u>Calls Per</u> <u>Access Line</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Making</u> <u>2+ Calls</u>
Linn	Jefferson City	8.52	65.99
Linn	Taos	0.57	9.11

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 Linn to Taos route did not demonstrate a sufficient community of interest, the Commission determines that the petition for that route should be dismissed. Since the Linn to Jefferson City 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 that route.

Even though the petition for the Linn to Taos 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 the petition for community optional service from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's Linn exchange to United Telephone Company's Taos exchange is hereby dismissed.

2. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company shall perform a calling usage study covering one billing cycle for the traffic from its Linn exchange to United Telephone Company's Jefferson City exchange.

3. That the results of the calling usage 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 the 29th day of September, 1992.

BY THE COMMISSION

Brent Stewart

Brent Stewart
Executive Secretary

(S E A L)

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