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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,)	
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Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. TC-98-337</u>
)	
Long Distance Services, Inc.,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
)	

ORDER SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule on September 29, 1998. Staff stated the parties were all in agreement that the remaining filing and the hearing dates should be suspended until December 1.

Staff stated the suspension was necessary since Long Distance Services, Inc. (LDS) was in the process of negotiating a settlement of various related complaints with the Attorneys General of several states. This settlement would need to also be approved by the Bankruptcy Court currently handling LDS's bankruptcy case. Staff indicated to avoid any unnecessary waste of the Commission's time, the parties wished to wait to proceed until the settlement with the Attorneys General was final. Staff stated this settlement might result in a settlement of the Commission's case against LDS. Staff agreed to file either a joint stipulation and agreement or a hearing memorandum on December 1 setting out any unsettled issues between it and LDS.

The Commission has reviewed the motion and finds it reasonable. The Commission will approve suspension of the procedural schedule until

December 1 as agreed to by the parties. At that time, Staff will file either a joint stipulation and agreement or a hearing memorandum setting out any unsettled issue and a proposed procedural schedule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule filed by the Staff of the Commission on September 29, 1998 is granted.

2. That the current procedural schedule, including the evidentiary hearing set for October 13, 1998, is canceled.

3. That no later than December 1, 1998 the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file either a joint Stipulation and Agreement or a Hearing Memorandum and Proposed Procedural Schedule setting out any unresolved issues between the parties.

4. That this order shall become effective on October 1, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Brian K. Harper, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1)
(November 30, 1995) and
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 1st day of October, 1998.

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