

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 17th  
day of December, 1998.

In the Matter of the Investigation into the     )     **Case No. TR-98-343**  
Earnings of Mid-Missouri Telephone Company.     )

**ORDER SCHEDULING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING**

On February 13, 1998, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a Motion to Open Docket for the consideration of a nonunanimous Stipulation and Agreement between the Mid-Missouri Telephone Company (MMTC) and Staff. On March 3, the Staff filed an addendum to the Stipulation in which it detailed the depreciation agreement between the staff and MMTC. On March 17, MMTC filed a schedule that provided the rate design changes in the Stipulation. MMTC inadvertently submitted the wrong schedule and corrected this error on March 23, by filing a new schedule. The Commission granted the timely interventions of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. (AT&T) on April 8. The Commission approved a procedural schedule on July 13. On October 8, MMTC filed a Motion for Continuance of Hearing and Hearing Memorandum Date in which it requested that the Hearing Memorandum date be moved to December 1, and the hearing be moved to December 16 and 17. The Commission granted this request on October 19, 1998.

On December 10, 1998, the Commission decided to schedule a local public hearing to be conducted after the evidentiary hearing of December 16 and 17. The Commission determined that it is reasonable and appropriate to set a local public hearing in Pilot Grove. Direct notice of the hearing shall be sent by MMTC, by an imprint on the customer's monthly billing, billing insert, first class letter, or postcard, to each of the Company's residential and commercial customers at least fifteen (15) days prior to the local public hearing date. The direct notice to customers sent by MMTC shall prominently state the time, date, and location of the local hearing regarding the proposed rate design. The notice will contain enough information so that the recipient can reasonably understand how to determine the location of the hearing. The Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel and MMTC shall develop mutually agreeable language to be contained in MMTC's direct notice to customers.

The Commission will direct the Commission's Information Officer to send notice of the local public hearing to radio stations, television stations, and publishers of each newspaper located in MMTC's service area, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri, and to members of the General Assembly representing customers in MMTC's service area. The Commission will also direct the Records Department of the Commission to serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county and mayor of each municipality within MMTC's service area.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Commission has elected to schedule a local public hearing on Wednesday, January 13, 1999, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., to be held in the library of the Cooper County R-4 High School, 107 School Street, Pilot Grove, Missouri,

2. That the Records Department and Information Office of the Commission shall serve copies of this order and provide notice as described in this order.

4. That Mid-Missouri Telephone Company shall send notice, as directed in this order, to each of the company's residential and commercial customers at least fifteen (15) days prior to the local public hearing date.

4. That anyone with special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public service Commission as soon as possible at one of the following numbers:

Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

5. That this order shall become effective on December 29, 1998.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

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**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Drainer,  
Murray and Schemenauer, CC.,  
concur.

Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge