BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the	Matter	of the	Investigation	into the)		
Earnin	ngs of M	Mid-Misso	ouri Telephone	Company.)	Case No.	TR-98-343

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTIONS AND SETTING EARLY PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The Commission issued its Order establishing this case for the purpose of addressing a Stipulation and Agreement between the Commission Staff (Staff) and Mid-Missouri Telephone Company (Mid-Missouri) on February 27, 1998. The Commission rejected the tariff sheets filed in the case and directed interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than March 30.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed an Application to Intervene and Request for Hearing on March 30 stating that SWBT is not a party to the Stipulation between Staff and Mid-Missouri and is opposed to its approval. SWBT stated that it is one of Mid-Missouri's largest access customers and its interests cannot be adequately represented by any other party.

AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. (AT&T) filed an Application to Intervene on March 30 stating that AT&T's interests in this proceeding as a competitive telecommunications company are different from those of the general public. AT&T also stated that, since it is a customer of Mid-Missouri, it could be directly affected by the Commission's decision.

The Commission finds that the applications for intervention filed by SWBT and AT&T are in substantial compliance with Commission rules and that each of the applicants has an interest in this matter which is different from that of the general public. The Commission concludes that both requests for intervention should be granted. The Commission also determines that a hearing may be necessary to resolve the issues in this case and that SWBT's Motion for Hearing should be granted. Finally, the Commission will set a date for an early prehearing conference and for the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following are granted intervention according to 4 CSR 240-2.075:

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc.

- 2. That the request for hearing made by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company on March 30, 1998 is granted.
- 3. That the parties shall meet in a prehearing conference on April 21, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's Conference Room No. 3 on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.
- 4. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than April 30, 1998.
- 5. That anyone wishing to attend the prehearing conference who has special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the prehearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline -1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline -1-800-829-7541.

6. That this Order shall become effective on April 8, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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L. Anne Wickliffe, Deputy Chief 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 8th day of April, 1998.