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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Investigation into the)	
Earnings of Seneca Telephone Company and)	<u>Case No. TR-98-373</u>
Goodman Telephone Company.)	
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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's Staff (Staff) and Seneca Telephone Company and Goodman Telephone Company (Seneca-Goodman) on March 10, 1998. The Commission gave notice of the case and directed interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than April 9.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed an Application to Intervene on April 3 stating that SWBT is not a party to the Stipulation between Staff and Seneca-Goodman and that it opposes the proposed rate design. SWBT stated that it is one of Seneca-Goodman'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 April 6 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 Seneca-Goodman, it could be directly affected by the Commission's decision. AT&T also filed a request for permission to make a special appearance in this case by Kevin Zarling, a Texas licensed attorney.

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 finds that Kevin Zarling should be granted permission to appear in this case on behalf of AT&T. 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 Kevin Zarling is granted permission to make his appearance on behalf of AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. in this case pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.040.
- 3. That the parties shall meet in a prehearing conference on May 1, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. in Room No. 750 on the seventh 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 May 11, 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 17, 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 17th day of April, 1998.

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