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STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 8th day of September, 1998.

In the Matter of the Proposed Modification of)
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's)
P.S.C. Mo.-No. 24, Local Exchange Tariff, to) Case No. TT-99-85
Allow Customers to Purchase Optional MCA) (Tariff File #9900105)
Service in Conjunction With Simultaneous Call)
Forwarding.)

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF AND
REGARDING INTERVENTION AND MOTION TO SUSPEND TARIFF

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) submitted a tariff sheet for Commission approval on August 6, 1998. The tariff sheet was designed to make revisions in SWBT's Local Exchange Tariff, P.S.C. Mo.-No. 24, which permit customers to subscribe to Simultaneous Call Forwarding (SCF) in conjunction with Optional MCA (Metropolitan Calling Area) service. The tariff revisions, File No. 9900105, carry an effective date of September 5, 1998.

Staff submitted a Memorandum on August 26 which was filed in the official case file on September 3, 1998. Staff recommended approval of SWBT's tariff filing. Staff explained that SCF service permits customer to receive calls at a distant location. The difference between SCF and ordinary call forwarding is that SCF allows a customer to forward calls to a distant location with multiple lines. A customer could have as many as 99 lines, or SCF paths, on which to receive incoming calls simultaneously. Staff stated that SWBT's current tariff provides that SCF "cannot be used to avoid toll." General Exchange Tariff, Section 47,

Sheet 5. SWBT has tried to discourage customers from combining MCA service with SCF but has 43 customers who subscribe to both. There is no differential in the rate charged for SCF depending upon the number of SCF paths ordered. The proposed tariff revision would require the customer who forwards calls to a multiple line number equipped with MCA service to pay the MCA additive for each SCF path ordered. SWBT has agreed to provide individual notification of the tariff revision to each of the 43 customers who may be affected. Staff recommends approval of SWBT's tariff filing. The Commission voted to approve File No. 9900105 on September 2 but, before the tariff became effective, a motion to suspend the tariff was filed.

The Mid-Missouri Group¹ (MMG) filed an Application to Intervene and a Motion to Suspend on August 28 but filed a motion to withdraw its requests for intervention and suspension on September 1.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff filing, the pleadings filed, and Staff's recommendation, and affirms its approval of the tariff filing. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff revisions are not unreasonable, do not unlawfully expand MCA service, and their approval is in the public interest.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff sheet submitted on August 6, 1998, by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is approved. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. Mo.-No. 24

4th Revised Sheet 40, Replacing 3rd Revised Sheet 40

¹ Alma Telephone Company, Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation, Choctaw Telephone Company, Mid-Missouri Telephone Company, MoKan Dial, Inc., Modern Telecommunications Company, Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company, and Peace Valley Telephone Company.

2. That the Motion to Withdraw filed by the Mid-Missouri Group on September 1, 1998, is granted.

3. That this order shall become effective on September 18, 1998.

4. That this case may be closed on September 19, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

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

Roberts, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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