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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 15th
day of October, 1997.

In the Matter of the Office of the Public Counsel's)
Petition for Promulgation of Rules Relating to) Case No. TX-98-76
Disconnection of Basic Local Telephone Service.)
)

ORDER DENYING REHEARING

On August 22, 1997, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed a Petition for Promulgation of Rules Relating to Disconnection of Local Service for Nonpayment of Toll and Other Charges, pursuant to rule 4 CSR 240-2.180. The Commission reviewed the petition and determined that OPC's petition did not comply with rule 4 CSR 240-2.180 and that the Commission Staff (Staff) would consider the provisions proposed by OPC in preparing its own revisions to 4 CSR 240-33, concluding that a combined rulemaking effort would be more efficient than separate rulemaking efforts. The Commission issued an order denying OPC's petition on September 16. OPC filed a Motion for Rehearing or, in Alternative, for Correction and Modification, on September 24, and Staff filed a response on September 26.

Under Section 386.500, RSMo 1994, the Commission will grant a rehearing if it finds there is sufficient reason for rehearing. Upon review of OPC's motion, the Commission finds that there is not sufficient reason for rehearing or for correction or modification. Therefore, the Commission concludes that the motion should be denied. The Commission

notes that its staff is currently developing proposed amendments to 4 CSR 240-33 that are expected to be ready for Commission review in approximately two months.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Rehearing or, in Alternative, for Correction and Modification, filed by the Office of the Public Counsel on September 24, 1997, be denied.

2. That this order shall become effective on October 28, 1997.

3. That this case shall be closed on October 29, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cecil I. Wright", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

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

Randles, Regulatory Law Judge