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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Focal)
Communications Corporation of Missouri for a)
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide)
Basic Local Telecommunications Service) Case No. TA-99-403
in the State of Missouri, and to Classify)
Said Services as Competitive)

ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE OR STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

On March 25, 1999, Focal Communications of Missouri (Focal) filed an application for authority to provide switched and dedicated, resold and facilities-based basic local telecommunications services in the state of Missouri. On March 30, 1999, the Commission issued notice and schedule of applicants, directing interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than April 29, 1999.

On April 2, 1999, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed a timely application to intervene. On May 5, 1999, the Commission issued its *Order Granting Intervention and Directing Filing of Procedural Schedule*, allowing SWBT to intervene and ordering that a procedural schedule be filed no later than June 4, 1999.

On June 3, 1999, Focal filed its *Request for Additional Time to File Stipulation and Agreement*. Focal stated that it is confident that the parties would be successful in negotiating a stipulation and agreement. However, Focal stated the press of other business has delayed the negotiations. Focal stated that the parties should be able to

complete and file a stipulation and agreement no later than June 25, 1999. Focal also stated that the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and SWBT do not oppose the request for additional time. Thus the Commission will grant the parties additional time to file a stipulation and agreement or a procedural schedule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than 3:00 PM on June 25, 1999. The procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing.

2. That this order shall become effective on June 28, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

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Bill Hopkins, Senior 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 16th day of June, 1999.

