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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 19th  
day of November, 1998.

In the Matter of Southwestern Bell	)	
Telephone Company's Proposal to	)	<u>Case No. TT-99-207</u>
Re-file its Telecommunications	)	<u>Tariff File 9900316</u>
Revenue Management System (TRIMS)	)	
in Accordance with Report and Order.	)	

**ORDER DENYING MOTIONS TO SUSPEND TARIFF**  
**AND APPROVING TARIFF**

On October 20, 1998, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed a proposed tariff to establish a Telecommunications Revenue Interactive Management System (TRIMS). The proposed TRIMS program has already been the subject of a contested case in Case No. TT-98-97. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) initially filed tariffs to establish a TRIMS program on August 14, 1997. The Commission suspended the proposed tariffs and a hearing was held on April 23 and 24, 1998. A Report and Order was issued on September 29, which expressed the following concerns: (1) TRIMS should not be applied in exchanges without 911 emergency services, (2) SWBT should provide fuller information in the initial customer letter, and (3) TRIMS should still allow customers to have access to local operator services and local directory assistance. The Report and Order rejected the tariff but encouraged SWBT to resubmit a modified tariff.

SWBT submitted a new version of the TRIMS tariff on October 20 with an effective date of November 20. On November 9, Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed a motion to suspend the tariff. OPC's motion urges the Commission to take a closer look at this tariff to ensure that it in fact complies with the requirements of the Report and Order. In its motion, OPC argues that the proposed tariffs unfairly restrict access to 1+ calling, lack a specific pseudo rate, and fail to protect consumers who have toll plans at a flat rate or purchase toll calling in blocks of time.

On November 17, MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) filed its own Motion to Suspend. MCI's motion urges that the tariff be suspended because SWBT's TRIMS system would impose toll restrictions on MCI customers who are billed directly by MCI.

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) has prepared a recommendation that expresses the view that SWBT's proposed tariff has adequately addressed the concerns raised by the Commission in the previous Report and Order. Staff recommends that the proposed tariff be approved.

The arguments raised by OPC and MCI in their Motions to Suspend have previously been addressed by the Commission in the Report and Order in Case No. TT-98-97. Those arguments need not be readdressed. The tariff proposed by SWBT does meet the requirements established by the Commission in TT-98-97.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Office of the Public Counsel's Motion to Suspend Tariff is denied.

2. That MCI Telecommunications Corporation's Motion to Suspend is denied.

3. That the tariff filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company on October 20, 1998 (tariff file no. 9900316) is approved to become effective on November 20, 1998. The tariff approved is:

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3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet 13  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 13.01  
Original Sheets 13.02 and 13.03

4. That this order shall become effective on November 20, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

( S E A L )

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

Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge