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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 31st day of December, 1997.

In the Matter of the Application of the)
Mid-Missouri Group and the Small Telephone Company)
Group of Incumbent Local Exchange Companies for)
Designation as Telecommunications Company Carriers) Case No. TO-98-49
Eligible for Federal Universal Service Support)
Pursuant to Section 254 of the Telecommunications)
Act of 1996.)
)

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR CORRECTION

The Commission issued an order on December 4, 1997, designating the members of the Mid-Missouri Group and the Small Telephone Company Group as eligible telecommunications carriers for purposes of federal universal service support. Intervenors MCI Telecommunications Corporation and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. filed a Motion for Correction on December 8 stating that Ordered Paragraph 4 should have specified that the extension of time the Commission granted applied only to toll control and not toll blocking. No party filed a response.

The Commission has reviewed the motion and its order, and finds that the order as written is clear and accurate and no correction is needed. The language of the stipulation filed by the parties suggests that there is some uncertainty regarding exactly what toll limitation adequate to meet the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) definition will entail, and whether the FCC will maintain the requirement of toll control as the parties described it. See pages 3 and 6, Stipulation and Agreement filed October 23, 1997. The Commission's Ordered Paragraph 4 states that

the extension of time applies to the provision of "toll limitation as defined by 47 C.F.R. § 54.500". The Commission does not wish to define toll limitation more narrowly lest the ultimate result be to expand the requirements for federal universal service support in contravention of the FCC's order. See ¶ 136, *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order (Fed. Comm. Comm'n, May 8, 1997).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Correction filed by MCI Telecommunications Corporation and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. on December 8, 1997, is denied.
2. That this order shall become effective on December 31, 1997.
3. That this case will be closed on January 12, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

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

Wickliffe, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge