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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In The Matter Of The Request For Community        )  
Optional Service From New Florence Telephone's    )  
Exchange To GTE Midwest's Jonesburg Exchange     )

CASE NO. TO-96-334

ORDER DIRECTING CALLING STUDY

The Commission has received a petition signed by residents of the New Florence exchange served by New Florence Telephone Company requesting community optional service (COS) from the New Florence exchange to the Jonesburg exchange served by GTE Midwest, Inc. (GTE).

On December 29, 1989, the Commission issued a Report and Order in Case No. TO-87-131 directing that COS be offered to customers in exchanges demonstrating a community of interest. The Commission found that a community of interest would be demonstrated if a calling usage study showed that six calls per access line per month are made on the average from the petitioning exchange to the requested exchange and two-thirds of the customers in the petitioning exchange make two or more calls per month to the requested exchange. The petitioning exchange is the exchange from which the petition is received for COS. In re the investigation of experimental extended measured service (EMS), 30 Mo. P.S.C. (N.S.) 45 (1989).

On December 23, 1992, the Commission issued a Report and Order in Case No. TO-92-306 approving a statewide expanded calling scope plan. The plan, among other provisions, modifies COS to a two-way service only and adjusts the rates for COS. In re the establishment of a plan for expanded calling scopes in metropolitan and outstate exchanges, 2 Mo. P.S.C. 3d 1 (1992).

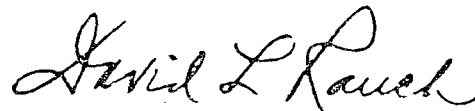
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In view of the foregoing, the Commission determines that New Florence Telephone Company should perform a calling usage study, covering one billing cycle, to determine whether a sufficient community of interest exists between the New Florence exchange and the Jonesburg exchange to justify the implementation of COS. If the requested route fails to meet the calling criteria, it will be dismissed. However, if the requested route passes the calling criteria, the Commission will order implementation of COS.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That New Florence Telephone Company shall perform a calling usage study covering one billing cycle as provided herein.
2. That the results of the calling usage study directed in Ordered Paragraph 1 shall be filed with the Commission on or before August 15, 1996.
3. That this Order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION



David L. Rauch  
Executive Secretary

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Mark A. Grothoff, Administrative Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority under Commission  
Directive of January 3, 1995, pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 17th day of April, 1996.