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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 13th
day of January, 2000.

In the Matter of an Investigation into)
Various Issues Related to the Missouri)
Universal Service Fund.) Case No. TO-98-329

**ORDER EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES TO SCENARIOS
AND GRANTING MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION**

In an order issued on December 7, 1999, the Commission ordered its Staff, with the assistance and cooperation of the parties, to file responses to certain scenarios. The Commission established a deadline of January 14, 1999, for filing the responses to the scenarios. On January 7, 2000, all the parties to the case filed a pleading requesting an extension of time in which to file the responses, and clarification of two points in the Commission's Order Directing Scenarios.

The parties state that some companies will need to collect data and perform cost studies in order to allow Staff to complete its responses. Accordingly, the parties request an extension until February 15, 2000, for filing the responses. The Commission finds the request reasonable, and will grant it.

The parties request that the Commission clarify whether it intended NECA settlement revenues to be included in the calculation of Interstate loop and other NTS cost recovery. All parties agree that

they should be, but not all agree that they were in Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's calculation. Since all parties agree that these revenues should be included, the Commission will clarify its Order Directing Scenarios by stating that these revenues should be included.

The parties also request that the Commission clarify its intent with regard to local business revenues. The parties note that the Commission requested scenario responses in which these revenues are included as subsidies and other payments (SOPs). The parties state that "only the Office of the Public Counsel proposed local business revenues as a SOP adjustment." However, in its Statements of Position filed on June 2, 1999, AT&T Communications of the Southwest (AT&T) stated that "Local business revenues should be included as part of USOA Account 5001, Basic Area Revenue, and all such revenue should be included as part of subsidies and other payments." Similarly, in their statements of position, Birch Telecom of Missouri, Inc. (Birch), and MCI Telecommunications Corporation, MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC, and Brooks Fiber Communications of Missouri, Inc. (collectively, MCI) stated that local business revenues should be included. From the pleading filed on January 7, 2000, it appears that these parties have changed their position on this issue¹. Even though support for the inclusion of local business revenues seems to have eroded, the Commission nonetheless wishes to see the impact of including these revenues in the scenarios.

¹ In its initial brief, MCI did not list this item in its "laundry list" of items to be included as SOPs, but did not explain that it had changed its position, or why it had done so.

As a further clarification of the Order Directing Scenarios, the Commission will state that each response to each scenario request should show the impact of the inclusion of each revenue item as a separate line item.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

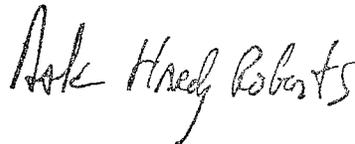
1. That the Staff of the Commission, with the assistance and cooperation of the parties, shall file responses to the scenarios no later than February 15, 2000.

2. Any party that disagrees with the response filed by the Staff of the Commission shall file a pleading explaining why it disagrees with that response and setting forth its own response to the scenarios no later than February 25, 2000.

3. That the motion for clarification filed on January 7, 2000, by all the parties is granted as discussed herein.

4. That this order shall become effective on January 25, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

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

Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge