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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Navigator)
Telecommunications, LLC, for a Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide Basic Local Telecom-)
munications Service in Portions of the State of) Case No. TA-98-383
Missouri and to Classify Said Services and the)
Company as Competitive.)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION
AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Navigator Telecommunications, LLC (Navigator) filed an application on March 10, 1998, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service in the State of Missouri under 4 CSR 240-2.060(4). Navigator wishes to provide resold services in all the exchanges currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT). The Commission issued an order and notice, directing interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than April 16.

SWBT filed an application to intervene on March 25, stating that it has a direct interest in the Commission's decision because it provides basic local exchange services and will be in direct competition with this company if the certificate is granted. SWBT argues that no other party will adequately protect its interests in this matter and that its intervention would be in the public interest because of SWBT's expertise and experience in the telecommunications industry.

The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that it is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that SWBT has an interest in this matter which is different from that of the general public. The Commission concludes that the request for intervention should be granted and that the parties should file a proposed

procedural schedule. The procedural schedule must include either dates for the filing of testimony and a hearing, or dates for the filing of a Stipulation and Agreement and Suggestions in Support. If no party requests a hearing, the Commission may grant the service authority and competitive classification requested without a hearing. State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is granted intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4).
2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than May 11, 1998. The procedural schedule shall include either dates for the filing of testimony and a hearing, or dates for the filing of a Stipulation and Agreement and Suggestions in Support.
3. That this order shall be effective on April 30, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



(S E A L)

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

L. Anne Wickliffe, Deputy Chief
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 30th day of April, 1998.