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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 1st
day of October, 1998.

In the Matter of the Investigation by the Staff)
of the Missouri Public Service Commission into) Case No. TR-98-346
the Earnings of Citizens Telephone Company of)
Higginville, Missouri, Inc.)

ORDER DIRECTING SUPPLEMENTAL FILING

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) and Citizens Telephone Company of Higginville, Missouri, Inc. (Citizens) filed a Stipulation and Agreement and a Motion to Open Docket on February 13, 1998. The agreement was replaced with a Revised Stipulation and Agreement filed on June 17. The parties asked the Commission to approve the revised agreement to reduce Citizens' revenues by approximately \$170,024 annually. The revised agreement also sets out a new depreciation schedule for the company in Attachment B. However, the agreement does not indicate what the revenue effect of the proposed depreciation rates would be, nor did it indicate Citizens' current depreciation rates. The agreement calls for Citizens to begin using the new rates as of January 1, 1998.

The Commission would be aided in its review of this case if Citizens would submit a supplemental filing setting out its current depreciation rates, a statement as to when Citizens will begin using the proposed depreciation rates if approved, and a statement detailing what effect the new depreciation rates will have on Citizens' annual revenues. The filing should also address the reason for the discrepancy between the

\$170,024 in paragraph 2 of the Revised Stipulation and the \$170,121 at the bottom of Revised Attachment A. In future cases where changes in depreciation rates are proposed, the parties should provide the type of information requested here with the initial pleadings.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri, Inc. shall file a pleading no later than October 13, 1998 setting out its current depreciation rates, a statement as to when Citizens will begin using the proposed depreciation rates if approved, and a statement detailing what effect the proposed depreciation rates will have on Citizens' annual revenues. The filing should also address the reason for the discrepancy between the \$170,024 in paragraph 2 of the Revised Stipulation and the \$170,121 at the bottom of Revised Attachment A.

2. That this Order shall become effective on October 14, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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

Wickliffe, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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