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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Ozark Telephone Company's) Modernization Plan Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-) 32.100.)	<u>Case No. TM-95-134</u> ✓
In the Matter of the Local Exchange) Telecommunications Companies') Modernization Plans Pursuant to) 4 CSR 240-32.100.)	<u>Case No. TO-93-309</u>

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

On June 28, 1996, Ozark Telephone Company (Ozark) filed a modernization plan with the Commission stating that it would complete the modernization of its exchanges by December 31, 1997. That deadline was extended until December 31, 1998 by the Commission's order of September 25, 1997. On September 8, 1998, Ozark filed a motion asking for a further extension of time, until December 31, 1999, for completion of its modernization plan. Ozark's motion indicates that it is seeking the extension because of a delay in obtaining financing from Rural Utility Services. On October 23, 1998, Staff filed a response to Ozark's request for extension of time. Staff's response requests that the Commission deny Ozark's request for additional time to complete the modernization plan. On October 29, Ozark filed a motion requesting additional time in which to respond to Staff's response. Ozark asks that it be allowed until November 12 to prepare and file its response to Staff's response.

The Commission believes that Ozark's request for additional time in which to submit a response to Staff's response is reasonable.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Ozark Telephone Company's Request for Additional Time to File Response to Staff's Response is granted.
2. That Ozark Telephone Company's shall file its response to Staff's response no later than November 12, 1998.
3. That this order shall become effective on November 5, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

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Morris L. Woodruff, 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 2nd day of November, 1998.