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ORDER AND NOTICE

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Section 252(e)(4) of the Act provides that if the Commission has not approved an agreement within ninety days after submission, the agreement shall be deemed approved. Therefore, the Commission will proceed with this case expeditiously and, if there are no requests for a hearing, relief may be granted based on the verified petition. The Commission finds that notice of this application should be sent to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Records Department of the Commission shall send notice to all interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies.

2. That any party wishing to request a hearing or to participate without intervention in this matter shall file an application no later than April 7, 1998, with the Executive Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, and send copies to:

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3. That comments addressing whether this agreement meets the standards for approval of interconnection agreements must be filed no later than May 10, 1998.

4. That the Staff of the Commission shall file a memorandum advising either approval or rejection of this agreement and giving the reasons therefore no later than May 20, 1998.

5. That this order shall become effective on March 18, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale H. Roberts", written in a cursive style.

Dale H. Roberts
Chief Regulatory Law Judge/Secretary

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Amy E. Randles, 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 18th day of March, 1998.