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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Southwestern Bell	)	
Telephone Company's Tariff Revisions	)	
Designed to Introduce a LATA-wide	)	<u>Case No. TT-98-351</u>
Extended Area Service (EAS) Called	)	
Local Plus, and a One-Way COS Plan.	)	

**ORDER ESTABLISHING BRIEFING SCHEDULE AND FURTHER SUSPENDING TARIFF**

This case involves tariff revisions submitted by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) to establish a one-way Community Optional Service (COS) offering and a LATA-wide Extended Area Service (EAS) plan called Local Plus<sup>SM</sup>. The Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) held a hearing as scheduled on May 4, 1998 through May 7, 1998. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Commission reserved two exhibit numbers for late-filed exhibits to be filed by SWBT. Late-filed Exhibit No. 26 has been reserved for the total dollars for switching and trunking used by Witness Moore in his volume sensitive recurring cost analysis, and late-filed Exhibit No. 27 has been reserved for the estimated cost to develop a detailed end-user bill if possible.

SWBT indicated that it would need until May 22 to provide the Commission with the late-filed exhibits. The parties agreed that objections to the late-filed exhibits will be filed no later than May 29. Because the deadlines for filing the late-filed exhibits and objections to the exhibits will not allow the parties an opportunity to refer to the exhibits in their briefs pursuant to the briefing schedule established in the Commission's Order Adopting Procedural Schedule issued on April 3, the

parties have agreed to extend the dates for the filing of the briefs, and to extend the effective date of the tariff revisions.

As agreed to by the parties at the conclusion of the hearing, the Commission will establish as deadlines the dates selected by the parties. Late-filed Exhibit Nos. 26 and 27 will be filed by SWBT no later than May 22, and any objections to the late-filed exhibits must be filed by the other parties no later than May 29. Simultaneous initial briefs will be due on June 1, and simultaneous reply briefs will be due on June 12. In order to allow the parties to make reference to the late-filed exhibits in their briefs, the Commission will further suspend the effective date of SWBT's tariff revisions for a period of 30 days from July 7 to August 6. The parties are reminded that they had agreed in their original proposed procedural schedule to in-hand filing dates, i.e., that they would provide all parties with copies of their pleadings and briefs on the same date that those pleadings and briefs are filed with the Commission, and that agreement is still in effect.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company shall provide the Commission with copies of late-filed Exhibit Nos. 26 and 27 no later than May 22, 1998.

2. That objections to the late-filed exhibits shall be filed with the Commission no later than May 29, 1998.

3. That simultaneous initial briefs shall be due on June 1, 1998.

4. That simultaneous reply briefs shall be due on June 12, 1998.

5. That the effective date of the tariffs submitted by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company on February 5, 1998 shall be further suspended for a period of 30 additional days from July 7, 1998 to August 6, 1998.

6. That this order shall become effective on June 2, 1998.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

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Elaine E. Bensavage, 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 21st day of May, 1998.

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