BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Advanced Communications Group, Inc. for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Basic Local Exchange) Telecommunications Services and to Classify Said Services and the Company as Competitive.

Case No. TA-99-49

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ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

(Advanced) Advanced Communications Group, Inc. filed an application on August 7, 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). Advanced wishes to provide resold services in all the exchanges currently served by the incumbent local exchange telecommunications company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT). On August 18, the Commission issued a notice and schedule of applicants directing interested parties to file applications to intervene no later than September 17. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed a timely application to intervene.

SWBT states that it has an interest in the Commission's decision in this case because it provides basic local exchange services and Advanced's basic local telecommunications services will be offered in direct competition with SWBT if Advanced's application in this proceeding 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 the applicant 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 for a hearing, or a date for the filing of a Stipulation and Agreement. If no party requests a hearing, the Commission may grant the service authority and competitive classification requested without a hearing. <u>State ex rel.</u> <u>Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission</u>, 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 November 18, 1998. The procedural schedule shall include either dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing, or a date for the filing of a Stipulation and Agreement.

3. That this order shall be effective on October 19, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

(SEAL)

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Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Vicky Ruth, 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 19th day of October, 1998.

