

STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 8th  
day of September, 1992.

In the matter of the request for community optional	)	
service from Contel of Missouri, Inc.'s Warrenton	)	
exchange to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's	)	
St. Louis metropolitan calling area, St. Charles and	)	
Chesterfield exchanges, and Contel of Missouri,	)	<u>CASE NO. TO-90-264</u>
Inc.'s St. Peters, Lake Saint Louis/Dardenne,	)	
Foristell, Jonesburg, Wentzville, Wright City,	)	
O'Fallon, Truxton, High Hill, Holstein and	)	
Marthasville exchanges.	)	

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

The Commission has received a petition signed by residents of the Warrenton exchange requesting extra-exchange calling at less than toll rates from the Warrenton exchange served by Contel of Missouri, Inc. (Contel) to the St. Charles, Chesterfield and St. Louis metropolitan calling area exchanges served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and to the St. Peters, Lake St. Louis/Dardenne, Foristell, Jonesburg, Wentzville, Wright City, O'Fallon, Truxton, High Hill, Holstein and Marthasville exchanges also served by Contel.

By order issued April 24, 1990, the Commission directed Contel to perform a calling usage study covering one billing cycle in order to ascertain whether a sufficient community of interest exists between these exchanges to justify providing them with community optional service (COS).

On July 25, 1990, Contel filed the results of the calling usage study performed in said exchanges. On August 21, 1990, the Commission dismissed the petition for failure to meet the criteria for implementation of COS.

By order issued October 30, 1990, the Commission directed Contel to perform an additional calling usage study of the Warrenton to St. Louis route covering one billing cycle. The results of said study are as follows:

<u>Originating Exchange</u>	<u>Terminating Exchange</u>	<u>Average Calls Per Access Line</u>	<u>Percent Making 2+ Calls</u>
Warrenton	St. Louis	7.284	57.31

In its Report and Order issued in Case No. TO-87-131, the Commission found that a community of interest would be demonstrated if a calling usage study showed that six calls per access line per month are made on the average from the petitioning exchange to the requested exchange and two-thirds of the customers in the petitioning exchange make two or more calls per month to the requested exchange. *In re the investigation of experimental extended measured service (EHS)*, 30 Mo. P.S.C. (N.S.) 45 (1990).

Since the petitioned route did not demonstrate a sufficient community of interest, the Commission determines that this case should be dismissed.

Even though the COS petition in this case has been dismissed, customers may still be provided expanded calling through a statewide expanded calling scope plan currently under consideration by the Commission in Case No. TO-92-306. The plan under consideration would implement a Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) service in St. Louis, Kansas City and Springfield. The MCA service modifies and expands the Wide Area Service Plan currently in place in St. Louis and Kansas City. The plan being considered by the Commission would also provide an Outstate Calling Area (OCA) service for those exchanges not included in an MCA. The OCA service would be an optional service offered for expanded calling beyond a customer's local exchange. The Commission is considering two

alternatives for the scope of the OCA: a 23-mile radius from each exchange's central office or a 23-mile multipoint service measured from central office to central office.

Inquiries concerning the calling scope plan under consideration by the Commission should be directed to the Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P. O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That this case is hereby dismissed.
2. That this order shall become effective on September 18, 1992.

BY THE COMMISSION

*Brent Stewart*

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Executive Secretary

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McClure, Chm., Mueller, Perkins  
and Kincheloe, CC., Concur.  
Rauch, C., Not Participating.