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## STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 22nd day of March, 1995.

In the matter of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's tariff designed to introduce broadband educational videoconferencing service.

Case No. TT-95-275

## **ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF**

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On February 8, 1995, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) submitted proposed tariff revisions to introduce a new service called Broadband Educational Videoconferencing Service (BEVS). Two different entities, along with the Commission staff, have suggested suspension of the tariff sheets. SWBT has alleged that this is a "new service" pursuant to \$392.220.4 and several of the pleadings have suggested that this issue must be resolved quickly if BEVS is to be available for contract negotiations in preparation for the 1995/96 school year. This docket was established to deal with these issues.

The Commission finds that it need not reach the issue of "new service" at this time in order to address the underlying issue(s). The Commission finds that it is in the public interest to expedite the consideration of this matter in the hope of reaching a resolution prior to the close of those contract negotiations which may precede the 1995/96 school year.

BEVS is an arrangement to be provided exclusively to accredited educational institutions, public or private, which are located within SWBT exchange areas. Interconnection within an independent company territory will be priced on an individual case basis (ICB).

procedure will provide for pre-filed direct testimony of SWBT and rebuttal testimony of the other parties in the case. §392.220.4 requires SWBT to file its justification for considering BEVS as a new service and SWBT shall submit this justification along with its direct testimony.

The Commission also finds that the persons who have sought intervention herein will be granted intervention, to wit: NEMO. The Commission will also establish an expedited intervention date for other interested persons to seek intervention. The Commission finds that notice of this case should be sent by the Information Office to all newspapers which serve SWBT's territory and to all members of the General Assembly which represent customers in SWBT's territory.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the tariff sheets submitted by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company on February 8, 1995, to provide Broadband Educational Videoconferencing Service are hereby suspended for an initial sixty (60) days beyond the effective date of March 24, 1995, to May 23, 1995.
  - 2. That NEMO NET, Inc. is hereby granted intervention.
- 3. That notice of this matter shall be made as set out in this order.
- 4. That applications to intervene in this matter shall be filed on or before March 29, 1995, and a copy sent to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's representative:

Alfred G. Richter, Jr. Vice President and General Counsel Southwestern Bell Telephone Company 100 North Tucker St. Louis, Missouri 63101

5. That on or before April 5th, 1995, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company shall file its direct testimony along with and including its justification for considering the proposed Broadband Educational

Videoconferencing Service as a new service pursuant to Section 392.220.4, RSMo. 1994.

6. That all filings in this docket shall be served by overnight mail to all parties in this case.

7. That rebuttal testimony along with all responses to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's justification filed pursuant to Ordered Paragraph 5 shall be filed on or before April 14, 1995.

8. That a pre-hearing conference shall be held at the Commission offices, in Room 520B of the Harry S Truman Building, on April 20, 1995, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

9. That an evidentiary hearing shall be held at the Commission offices, in Room 520B of the Harry S Truman Building, on April 21, 1995, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

10. That any person who has special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act, please contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services' Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline -- 1-800-829-7541.

11. That this order shall become effective on the 24th day of March, 1995.

BY THE COMMISSION

David L. Rauch Executive Secretary

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McClure, Perkins, Kincheloe and Crumpton, CC., Concur. Mueller, Chm., Absent.