

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 27th day
of September, 2005.

In the Matter of a Request for the Modification of the)
Kansas City Metropolitan Calling Area Plan to Make)
the Greenwood Exchange Part of the Mandatory MCA)
Tier 2.) **Case No. TO-2005-0144**

**ORDER DENYING MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
FILING AND GRANTING REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC HEARING**

Issue Date: September 27, 2005

Effective Date: September 27, 2005

On August 23, 2005, the Commission directed the parties to this case to file a proposed procedural schedule no later than September 7, 2005. The Commission also directed that any requests for a local public hearing should be filed no later than that date.

Instead of filing a proposed procedural schedule, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a motion to suspend the filing requirement. Staff moved to suspend the filing of a proposed procedural schedule until after the conclusion of the competitive classification cases that Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri, currently has pending before the Commission.¹ Staff argued that this case should be delayed because a Commission decision determining that the Greenwood exchange is competitive could affect the ability of the Commission to order expanded calling scopes. SBC Missouri concurred in the Staff's motion.

¹ Case Nos. TO-2006-0093 and TO-2006-0102.

Also on September 7, 2005, the Office of the Public Counsel filed its request for a local public hearing. Public Counsel indicated that it had no objection to the filing of the proposed procedural schedule being delayed, though it specifically did not agree that a decision in the competitive classification cases will affect this case.

The Commission has reviewed the motions and determines that the parties should file a proposed procedural schedule so that this case is not delayed unnecessarily. The parties may propose a procedural schedule which takes into account the other pending proceedings. In addition, the Commission determines that a public hearing should be scheduled. Therefore, the Commission will deny the motion of Staff and grant the request of Public Counsel. The Commission will set a time for a public hearing in a separate order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion to Suspend Filing Requirement filed by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission is denied.
2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than October 5, 2005.
3. That the Office of the Public Counsel's Request for Public Hearing is granted.

4. That this order shall become effective on September 27, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Davis, Chm., Gaw, Clayton,
and Appling, CC., concur.
Murray, C., dissents.

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge