

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Request of Southwestern Bell)
Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri, for a Waiver)
of Certain Requirements of 4 CSR 240-29.040(4)) **Case No. TE-2006-0053**

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE, BIFURCATING
PROCEEDING, EXTENDING TEMPORARY WAIVER
AND CHANGING STYLE OF CASE

Issue Date: March 1, 2006

Effective Date: March 1, 2006

On January 31, 2006, the Commission issued an order directing the parties to jointly or separately file a proposed procedural schedule. The parties have not been able to reach a unanimous agreement on a proposed procedural schedule.

On February 23, 2006, the Staff of the Commission, Missouri Independent Telephone Group, and Small Telephone Company Group filed a joint proposed procedural schedule and requested the issues be resolved through a bifurcated procedural schedule. The Commission finds that the joint procedural schedule proposed by Staff, MITG, and STCG is reasonable and it will be adopted. The Commission finds that the following conditions shall be applied:

(A) The Commission will require that testimony be electronically prefiled as defined in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.130. All parties must comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages. The practice of prefiling testimony is designed to give parties notice of the claims, contentions, and

evidence in issue and to avoid unnecessary objections and delays caused by allegations of unfair surprise at the hearing.

(B) If the parties do not reach agreement, the parties shall agree upon and the Staff shall file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing and the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. Any issue not contained in this list of issues will be viewed as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission.

(C) All parties are required to bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits that they intend to offer into evidence at any hearing. The party offering an exhibit shall bring, in addition to the copy for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the Presiding Judge, and all counsel.

(D) Any party wishing to do so, may file a pre-hearing brief on or before April 13, 2006.

(E) The parties will present oral argument at the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing, in lieu of filing post-briefs.

Staff, MITG, and STCG also proposed the Commission extend the current temporary waiver of the rules requirements by 30 days, from March 31, 2006, until April 30, 2006.

On February 23, 2006, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., filed notice with the Commission that the style of this case may be changed to reflect that Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. now does business as "AT&T Missouri."

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The case will proceed following a bifurcated procedural schedule.
2. The following procedural schedule is established:

List of Issues	March 3, 2006
Simultaneous Direct Testimony of all parties	March 24, 2006
Simultaneous Rebuttal Testimony of all parties	April 7, 2006
Witness List and Order of Proceeding	April 13, 2006
Evidentiary Hearing	April 17-18, 2006 10:00 A.M.

3. The hearing set forth in this order is scheduled to be held in Room 310 in the offices of the Missouri Public Service Commission, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Any hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

4. The current temporary waiver of the rules requirements is extended by 30 days, from March 31, 2006, until April 30, 2006.

5. If the decision in this matter does not render moot the remaining issues, the parties will file a suggested procedural schedule for further proceedings within 10 days of the issuance of such decision.

6. The style of this case is changed to reflect that Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., now does business as "AT&T Missouri."

7. This order shall become effective on March 1, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Colleen M. Dale, Chief Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 1st day of March, 2006.