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14 Missouri)

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17 SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE DIPPELL: This is Case No.
3 TO-2007-0053, in the matter of the review of competitive
4 classification of the exchanges of Southwestern Bell
5 Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri.

6 My name is Nancy Dippell. I'm the
7 Regulatory Law Judge assigned to this matter. And we came
8 here today for a procedural conference. I'll let the
9 attorneys make their entries of appearance. Mr. Lane,
10 would you like to begin?

11 MR. LANE: Sure. Paul Lane on behalf of
12 Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., doing business as AT&T
13 Missouri. My address is One AT&T Center, Room 3520,
14 St. Louis, Missouri 63101.

15 JUDGE DIPPELL: Mr. Haas?

16 MR. HAAS: Good morning. William K. Haas
17 appearing on behalf of the Staff of the Public Service
18 Commission. My address is Post Office Box 360,
19 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

20 MR. DANDINO: Good morning, your Honor.
21 Michael Dandino, Office of the Public Counsel, Post Office
22 Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, representing the
23 Office of the Public Counsel and the public.

24 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Basically, like I
25 say, I just wanted you guys to talk about procedure. And

1 I should just state for future things, even if I don't put
2 telephone conference in a notice, you're always welcome to
3 call and ask me if you can appear by phone. And if
4 there's some reason I want you here in person, I'll let
5 you know. But I just don't always set that up or say
6 anything about it.

7 Anyway, it looks like we need to schedule
8 an evidentiary hearing, and so I brought the Commission's
9 calendar and I kind of updated it for my bad days and
10 things that were on the calendar already. I just printed
11 it out through December, figuring we wanted to do this
12 sooner rather than later.

13 MR. DANDINO: Not really. I don't have a
14 witness that's available 'til into the new year.

15 JUDGE DIPPELL: Well, I'll let you guys
16 figure that out. If you need more days --

17 MR. DANDINO: Do they have hearing dates?

18 JUDGE DIPPELL: There are some hearing
19 dates scattered in among there between now and the end of
20 the year. I think Christmas Eve is a holiday, so I don't
21 think that's a good one. Maybe it's Christmas Day this
22 year. Anyway, there are a few days in there which I
23 actually highlighted in yellow.

24 MR. LANE: Do you have a calendar for next
25 year?

1 JUDGE DIPPELL: I didn't bring it down, but
2 I can certainly get you guys one, or Mr. Haas can find it
3 for you hopefully. You can look at the calendar on our
4 Internet site. I don't know if --

5 MR. DANDINO: That, I think, only goes up
6 to February.

7 JUDGE DIPPELL: Well, it should now go for
8 at least 12 months. If you find when you're looking at it
9 that it doesn't go beyond 12 months, give Lonnell or
10 someone a call, because it just means that it accidentally
11 got changed. There's a little button they have to click.

12 MR. DANDINO: I think there was a -- when
13 we were trying to figure out for another hearing, like
14 April 18th was about the earliest we could get.

15 JUDGE DIPPELL: A few things have changed
16 since then.

17 MR. DANDINO: That's fine.

18 JUDGE DIPPELL: And I wanted to ask Staff
19 if there was a particular time of year for -- they had
20 asked to do a yearly review, and if that gets ordered, I
21 just wanted to know if there was a particular time of year
22 that Staff would like that to fall. And you don't
23 necessarily have to answer today.

24 MR. HAAS: I don't have an exact date, but
25 that time of year would need to be after the annual

1 reports are filed, and they come in on, I believe it's
2 April 15th.

3 JUDGE DIPPELL: And I didn't know when the
4 CPI usually came out either.

5 MR. HAAS: I don't know.

6 JUDGE DIPPELL: That would affect whether
7 or not companies were going to raise rates or lower rates
8 or --

9 MR. LANE: Not under competitive
10 classification.

11 JUDGE DIPPELL: Oh, not under competitive.
12 Okay. See, this is why I came to ask you.

13 MR. DANDINO: I think they come around
14 September, October.

15 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Well, just something
16 to think about for Staff. And if you guys could file a
17 proposed procedural schedule this time next week, that
18 would be good, with a hearing date and any other, you
19 know, if you're planning on doing prefiled testimony or
20 whatever.

21 And the other thing I wanted to ask was,
22 Mr. Haas, are all of the exchanges in this review, does
23 this include all of the competitive exchanges or only the
24 ones granted competitive status under the new statute?
25 There's some exchanges that are part of another pending

1 case that I'm the judge on that were competitive services.

2 MR. LANE: If I may, I think in terms of
3 competitive exchanges, the only ones that have been
4 declared were the ones that we're reviewing here. I think
5 we're reviewing all of them. The rest of those are
6 competitive services that were classified under a
7 different standard.

8 JUDGE DIPPELL: So this case doesn't
9 necessarily include a review of those?

10 MR. LANE: It does not.

11 JUDGE DIPPELL: But isn't there also review
12 of those things built into the statute?

13 MR. LANE: No.

14 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. It's been a while
15 since I've read the statute in its entirety.

16 Okay. Well, that's all the questions I
17 had. Did you-all have any other things that you needed to
18 bring up with me? Okay. Then I will leave you-all to
19 your discussions. If you would please file a proposed
20 procedural schedule by the 5th of October.

21 We can go ahead and go off the record.

22 WHEREUPON, the recorded portion of the
23 scheduling conference was concluded.

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