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In the Matter of the)
Investigation into Signaling)
Protocols, Call Records,) Case No. TO-99-593
Trunking Arrangements, and)
Traffic Measurement.)

LEWIS R. MILLS, JR, Presiding,
DEPUTY CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.

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

2 JUDGE MILLS: We're on the record this
3 morning in Case No. TO-99593 in the matter of the
4 investigation into signaling protocols, call
5 records, trunking arrangements and traffic
6 measurement.

7 Let's begin by taking entries of
8 appearance beginning with Southwestern Bell
9 Telephone.

10 MR. BUB: Thank you, your Honor. Leo Bub,
11 for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Our
12 address is One Bell Center, St. Louis, Missouri
13 63101.

14 JUDGE MILLS: Mid-Missouri Group?

15 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, your Honor.
16 Craig Johnson, Andereck, Evans, Milne, Peace and
17 Baumhoer, 305 East McCarty, Post Office Box 1438,
18 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, appearing today on
19 behalf of the Mid-Missouri Group local exchange
20 companies.

21 JUDGE MILLS: And the Small Telephone
22 Company Group?

23 MR. ENGLAND: Thank you, your Honor. Let
24 the record reflect the appearance of W. R. England,
25 appearing on behalf of the Small Telephone Company

1 Group. Numbers of which are listed on our entry of
2 appearance, written entry of appearance. Our
3 mailing address is Brydon, Swearngen and England,
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6 JUDGE MILLS: Thank you. Sprint Missouri,
7 Inc. and Sprint Communications Company?

8 MS. GARDNER: Linda K. Gardner, 5454 West
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10 appearing on behalf of Sprint Missouri Inc. and
11 Sprint Communications Company, L.P.

12 JUDGE MILLS: Fidelity and GTE?

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16 JUDGE MILLS: Staff?

17 MR. KRUEGER: Keith R. Krueger and Nathan
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19 Service Commission. Our address is P.O. Box 360,
20 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

21 JUDGE MILLS: Public Counsel?

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1 JUDGE MILLS: Thank you. I believe that's
2 all the parties in this case. One thing that I
3 wanted to mention on the record, there was a motion
4 for a protective order filed awhile ago and that
5 order was issued yesterday and effective yesterday
6 as well, so there is a protective order in place.

7 One of the things that I think the parties
8 need to do today in addition to coming up with a
9 procedural schedule, which is due October 21, is to
10 try to agree on the issues and the scope of the
11 issues in this case. There isn't an order in this
12 case directing the parties to file a list of
13 issues. I tried that in the PTC case and was sadly
14 disappointed with the two issues that were listed.
15 I think the parties said that the issues were the
16 PTC plan and IntraLATA dialing parity, which is a
17 little too broad to be useful.

18 But certainly to the extent that the
19 parties can agree on the issues or outline their
20 areas of disagreement on the scope of the issues
21 early on in this case, I think it will be helpful,
22 not only for you-all but for us to know what it is
23 we're trying and what it is we're not trying to
24 figure out in this case. That's really all I
25 wanted to say on the record.

1 Do any of the parties have anything else?

2 MS. GARDNER: Can I ask a question?

3 JUDGE MILLS: Yes.

4 MS. GARDNER: This is, I guess about the
5 third time we've tried some of these issues if we
6 proceed to a regular hearing. Is the Commission
7 led to actually going through a contested case
8 process again, or would they be open to -- and I
9 mean, none of the parties have talked about this,
10 but, like, a series of workshops or something, you
11 know, rather than jumping right into a contested
12 hearing again?

13 JUDGE MILLS: I'd certainly think the
14 Commission would be amenable if the parties think
15 that some of these issues can be more amicably
16 resolved through negotiation in the workshops than
17 they can through a contested case proceeding. And
18 I think in general with technical issues like this,
19 anything that you-all can agree on among yourselves
20 is probably -- you know, is probably the best way
21 to go rather than having a contested case
22 proceeding to try and figure out technical issues.

23 MS. GARDNER: So there's not a date by
24 which they want this thing heard?

25 JUDGE MILLS: No. This case was largely

1 spun out of the PTC case because there are issues
2 that came up in that case that the Commission
3 didn't want to address there, and they didn't want
4 to simply leave the issues hanging. The parties
5 are in charge of how quickly they need to be
6 resolved, and I think to a large extent the way in
7 which they are resolved. So I think -- I don't
8 think the Commission is interested in, you know,
9 having the parties go away and not hearing anything
10 for years. But if you-all want to do workshops or
11 technical congresses, I think that would be fine.

12 Anything else? Seeing nothing, let's go
13 off the record.

14 WHEREUPON, the on-the-record portion of
15 the prehearing conference was concluded.

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