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ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

This case was opened for the purpose of developing a forward-looking economic cost study to use in determining federal universal service support in Missouri. The Commission issued notice of the case and directed interested parties to file their applications to intervene no later than September 9, 1997. The parties met in an early prehearing conference on September 10, and all pending interventions were granted on the record and confirmed by notice. On September 11 the Missouri State Library (Library) filed an Application to Intervene stating that it has an interest in this matter different from that of the general public. The Library states it has a direct interest in this matter because Missouri libraries will receive support for telecommunications with reimbursement to the providers of those services coming from the Federal Universal Services Fund. The Library offered no explanation for the late filing of its application.

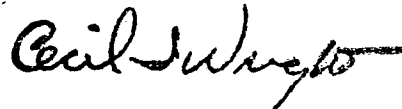
The Commission has reviewed the Library's request for intervention and finds that it is in substantial compliance with commission rules regarding interventions, with the exception that no good cause is shown for the late filing. However, the Commission finds that the Library has an interest in this matter which is different from that of the general public,

and that it would be in the public interest to permit this intervention.
Therefore, the request for intervention shall be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Missouri State Library is an intervenor in this matter in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075.
2. That this order shall become effective on October 17, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

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L. Anne Wickliffe, Deputy Chief
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation
of authority pursuant to 4 CSR
240-2.120(1) (November 30, 1995)
and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 17th day of October, 1997.