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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P. O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Re: Ozark Telephone Company  
- Case No. TT-2001-117

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Service Commission

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Ozark Telephone Company please find a Motion to Reschedule Prehearing Conference and Date for Filing Procedural Schedule.

Please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. Copies are being provided to parties of record. I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
W.R. England, III

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Enclosure  
cc: Parties of Record

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Access Tariff Filing     )  
of Ozark Telephone Company                     )

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**MOTION TO RESCHEDULE PREHEARING  
CONFERENCE AND DATE FOR FILING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW Ozark Telephone Company ("Ozark") and for its Motion to Reschedule Prehearing Conference and Date for filing Procedural Schedule states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

1. On September 21, 2000, the Commission issued its Order Granting Reconsideration, Suspending Tariff, Directing Notice, Directing Filing, Scheduling Prehearing Conference, and Establishing Protective Order in the above-referenced matter. In that Order, the Commission, among other things, established a Prehearing Conference for October 17, 2000, and directed the parties to file a proposed Procedural Schedule no later than October 24, 2000.

2. In addition to the instant case, the Commission issued similar Orders in five (5) other cases involving five (5) other Local Exchange Companies. In each case, the Commission established separate dates for the Prehearing Conference and the filing of a Procedural Schedule. Since Ozark and several of the other Companies are represented by the same consulting firm, it would be more convenient and cost effective if some of the cases were consolidated for one Prehearing Conference and one date was established for the filing of Procedural Schedules.

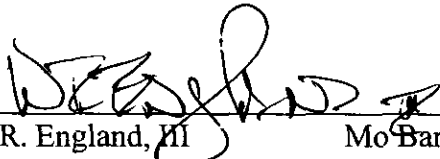
3. Ozark has discussed this proposed consolidation with representatives of the Commission Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel and they have indicated no objection to this request. Accordingly, Ozark requests that the Commission reschedule the Prehearing Conference to October 19, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. and the date for filing of a Procedural Schedule to

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October 26, 2000.

WHEREFORE, in light of the foregoing, Ozark Telephone Company respectfully requests the Commission issue its Order rescheduling the prehearing conference and date for filing of procedural schedule as requested herein and for such other Orders as are reasonable in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of OCT., 2000, to:

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