

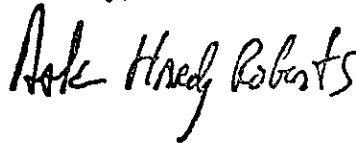
**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY**

November 18, 1997

CASE NO: TW-97-333

Enclosed find certified copy of ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

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STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 18th
day of November, 1997.

In the Matter of an Investigation into
the Provision of Community Optional
Calling Service in Missouri.

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CASE NO. TW-97-333

**ORDER REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR CLARIFICATION,
REHEARING, OR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW DOCKET**

The Commission issued its Report and Order (Order) on October 16, 1997, with an effective date of October 28. That Order eliminated the current provision of community optional services (COS) calling plans and encouraged all participants to bring forward optional cost-based extended calling plans. The Order recognized pre-existing alternatives to COS and also identified potential alternatives to COS. The Order provided a period of over five months in which to accomplish the termination of the old service so that all telecommunications companies would have ample time to implement competitive alternatives. The Order also directed the establishment of a new case for the purpose of reviewing possible solutions for internet access. See In the Matter of an Investigation into the Provision of Internet Access in Missouri, Case No. TW-98-155.

Various applications for rehearing or other remedial measures were filed on October 27 by the Mid-Missouri Group (MMG), the Small Telephone Company Group (STCG), and the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel). On November 5 a Response to the Application for Rehearing was filed by MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI), and on November 6

Suggestions in Opposition to Applications for Rehearing were filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT).¹


The Commission was compelled by the weight of the evidence to eliminate COS. The Commission must always balance the needs and interests of all Missouri customers. The potential which this service holds as a barrier to competition weighed heavily in that balance.

The Commission does not find any showing which would justify a rehearing, clarification or establishment of a new docket. Therefore, the Applications for Rehearing, Clarification, or Establishment of a New Docket are denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Application for Clarification, Rehearing, or the Establishment of a New Docket filed by the Mid-Missouri Group is denied.
2. That the Application for Rehearing filed by the Small Telephone Company Group is denied.
3. That the Application for Rehearing filed by the Office of the Public Counsel is denied.
4. That this order is effective on November 18, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton,
Murray, and Drainer,
CC., Concur.

Roberts, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

¹ The Commission's procedures do not specifically permit responses to applications for rehearing, nor do they prohibit them. These two motions were filed beyond the deadline for applications for rehearing but before this order was completed and therefore have been taken into consideration by the Commission.

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11-18-97
Agenda Date
Action taken: 4-0 AA
Must Vote Not Later Than _____

STATE OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 18th day of November, 1997.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge