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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Southwestern Bell Telephone)
Company's Tariff Filing to Eliminate the Use)
of the Net Incremental Separated Method to) Case No. TT-2000-490
Calculate the End User Common Line Contribu-) Tariff No. 200000641
tions of Plexar®-Custom Arrangements.)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION, SCHEDULING PREHEARING
CONFERENCE, AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On January 19, 2000, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed revised tariff sheets (Tariff No. 200000641) for the purpose of eliminating the requirement which the Commission imposed in Case No. TO-91-163 that SWBT use the Net Incremental Separated Method to calculate the end user common line contributions of Plexar®-Custom arrangements. The tariff filing had an effective date of February 19, 2000. On February 9, 2000, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a motion to suspend the tariff for a sufficient period to hold a hearing on the tariff revision. By order issued February 17, 2000, the Commission suspended the tariff until June 18, 2000.

On March 8, 2000, AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. (AT&T), filed an Application to Intervene. AT&T notes that it is a competitive interexchange telecommunications company duly incorporated and existing under the laws of Delaware, authorized to do business in the state of Missouri as a foreign corporation. AT&T states that its interests in this proceeding as a competitive telecommunications

company are different from those of the general public. Furthermore, AT&T believes that it could be directly affected by the Commission's decision in this matter.

The Commission has reviewed AT&T's application and finds that it is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that AT&T has an interest in this matter different from that of the general public. The Commission concludes that AT&T's request for intervention should be granted and that the parties should file a proposed procedural schedule. In order to assist in the development of the procedural schedule and to clarify the issues in dispute, an early prehearing conference will be scheduled. The procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of testimony and a hearing.

On February 16, 2000, the Staff filed a revision to Appendix A attached to Staff's Motion to Suspend Tariff. Staff requested the Commission substitute Appendix A attached to the February 16 pleading for its Appendix A filed with the motion to suspend this tariff. Staff notes that the original Appendix A was based on information provided by SWBT and that the Staff stated that the multi-line business end-user common line charge was \$3.50. Subsequent to the filing of the Motion to Suspend Tariff, SWBT advised that the Staff that the multi-line business end-user common line charge is \$7.19 and the single-line business end-user common line charge is \$3.50. Staff indicates that the revision is being filed only to correct this erroneous statement of fact, which does not affect the Staff's position to seek suspension of the tariff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc., is granted intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4).

2. That an early prehearing conference is scheduled for April 12, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's offices on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Anyone wishing to attend who has special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

3. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than April 24, 2000.

4. That this order shall become effective on March 30, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Vicky Ruth, 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 20th day of March, 2000.