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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Bell)
Atlantic Communications, Inc. for Expedited) Case No. TT-2000-492
Approval of the Revision of its Missouri) Tariff No. 20000723
Tariff No. 1)

ORDER REQUESTING RESPONSE

On February 10, 2000, Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc., (Bell Atlantic) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) Bell Atlantic's proposed revision of its Missouri Tariff No. 1. Bell Atlantic filed no pleading, but in its cover letter, requested ". . . expedited service for this filing reflecting an effective date of March 7 (*sic*), 2000." In fact, the tariff submitted by Bell Atlantic date bears an effective date of March 11, 2000; this is the date which is controlling in this matter so that the tariffs, if approved, will not go into effect until March 11, 2000. The period from the date of filing until the effective date is thirty (30) days.

However, Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.065(2) states, in part:

When a public utility regulated by the Public Service Commission submits a tariff for commission approval but requests the tariff [to] become effective in less than thirty (30) days . . . [such] request for less than thirty (30)-day approval must state good cause for such treatment.

Thus, if Bell Atlantic desires to have its tariffs approved sooner, it should comply with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.065(2) by making a

request for less than thirty (30)-day approval of its revised tariff and stating good cause for such treatment.

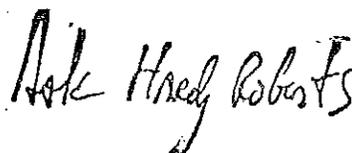
Also, the Commission will order the Staff of the Commission (Staff) to respond to this order within five (5) days, stating in a pleading whether or not it will be able to handle this case in an expedited manner and, if so, giving suggested dates for the filing of a Staff report or recommendation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its pleading stating whether or not it will be able to handle this case in an expedited manner and, if so, giving suggested dates for the filing of a Staff report or recommendation no later than 3:00 p.m. on February 22, 2000.

2. That this order shall become effective on February 28, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Bill Hopkins, Senior 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 16th day of February, 2000.