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MMG objects to the tariff stating that it is "unlawful and unreasonable in that it violates AT&T's obligation as a public utility

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or common carrier to make all of its services ubiquitously available in all areas where AT&T makes service available." MMG argues that the proposal "contravenes the public policy" and violates numerous sections of Chapter 292, RSMo, as well as 47 U.S.C. 254(g).

MMG states that its interests are different than those of the general public and that it "is in a position to provide information, knowledge, and technical expertise to" assist the Commission. MMG requests that the tariff be suspended, that an evidentiary hearing be held, and that the tariffs be rejected.

No responses to MMG's Application to Intervene, Motion to Suspend were received.

The Commission has reviewed AT&T's tariff filing, the application to intervene, and the motion to suspend. The Commission finds that the intervention request of MMG is in substantial compliance with the Commission's rules regarding interventions and that it has an interest which is different from that of the general public. The Commission finds that the intervention of MMG should be granted. The Commission also finds that there are questions of fact and of law that need to be resolved before the Commission can approve the proposed tariff sheets, and a hearing may be necessary to resolve these issues.

The Commission finds that responses from the parties regarding MMG's motion to suspend would be helpful in making a determination.

The proposed tariff sheets will be suspended for a period of thirty days beyond the effective date of August 2, 1999, to September 1, 1999, or until otherwise ordered by this Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the application to intervene of the Mid-Missouri Group of local exchange companies is granted.

2. That the effective date of the tariff sheets, submitted on July 1, 1999, by AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc., are suspended to September 1, 1999, or until otherwise ordered by this Commission. The suspended tariff sheets are:

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3. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc., shall file responses to the Mid-Missouri Group's Motion to Suspend no later than August 9, 1999.

4. That this order shall become effective on July 31, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Lumpe, Ch., Drainer, Murray,
and Schemenauer, CC., concur.
Crompton, C., absent.

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

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