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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's)
Complaint Against Mid-Missouri Telephone)
Company for Blocking Southwestern Bell's) Case No. TC-2000-325
800 MaxiMizer Traffic and Request for an)
Order Requiring Mid-Missouri to Restore)
the Connection.)

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's)
Complaint Against Goodman and Seneca)
Telephone Companies and Request for an) Case No. TC-2000-401
Order Prohibiting Them from Cutting Off)
Southwestern Bell's 800 MaxiMizer Traffic.)

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's)
Complaint Against Chariton Valley)
Telephone Corporation and Request for an) Case No. TC-2000-402
Order Prohibiting Chariton Valley from)
Cutting Off Southwestern Bell's 800)
MaxiMizer Traffic.)

ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On November 10, 1999, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed a complaint against Mid-Missouri Telephone Company (Mid-Missouri). Subsequently, on December 30, 1999, SWBT filed separate complaints against Chariton Valley Telephone Corporation (Chariton Valley) and against Seneca and Goodman Telephone Companies (Seneca-Goodman). All three complaints allege that the respondent phone companies have cut off SWBT's 800 MaxiMizer traffic in violation of the Commission's Report and Order in Case No. TO-99-254. On February 1, 2000, the Commission

consolidated SWBT's complaints against Mid-Missouri, Chariton Valley and Seneca-Goodman into a single case.

On March 1, following a prehearing conference, the Staff of the Public Service Commission (Staff), on its own behalf and on behalf of SWBT, Mid-Missouri, Chariton Valley, Seneca-Goodman and the Office of the Public Counsel, filed a Proposed Procedural Schedule. The pleading indicates that all parties have agreed upon the proposed procedural schedule set forth in that pleading.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed procedural schedule and finds it to be generally appropriate. However, the proposed procedural schedule does not include a date for a prehearing conference. The Commission believes that a prehearing conference is necessary to allow the parties to have one more face-to-face discussion about the case prior to the filing of surrebuttal testimony and submission of the list of issues and statements of position. Therefore, a prehearing conference will be scheduled.

The Commission will apply the conditions set out below to the procedural schedule in this case.

(A) The Commission will require the prefiling of testimony as defined in 4 CSR 240-2.130. All parties shall comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages. The practice of prefiling testimony is designed to give parties notice of the claims, contentions and evidence in issue and to avoid unnecessary

objections and delays caused by allegations of unfair surprise at the hearing.

(B) Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.130(15), testimony and schedules shall not be filed under seal and treated as proprietary or highly confidential unless the Commission has first established a protective order. Any testimony or schedule filed without a protective order first being established shall be considered public information.

(C) The parties shall agree upon and Staff shall file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing and the order in which they shall be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The Commission will view any issue not contained in this list of issues as uncontested and not requiring resolution.

(D) Each party shall file a statement of its position on each disputed issue. Such statement shall be simple and concise, and shall not contain argument about why the party believes its position to be the correct one.

(E) The Commission's general policy provides for the filing of the transcript within two weeks after the hearing. If any party seeks to expedite the filing of the transcript, such request shall be tendered in writing to the regulatory law judge at least five days prior to the date of the hearing.

(F) All pleadings, briefs and amendments shall be filed in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of

issues as filed in the case and shall set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.

(G) All parties are required to bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits that they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has been prefiled, only three copies of the exhibit are necessary for the court reporter. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it should bring, in addition to the three copies for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the regulatory law judge, and all counsel.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following procedural schedule is adopted for this case, subject to the conditions discussed above:

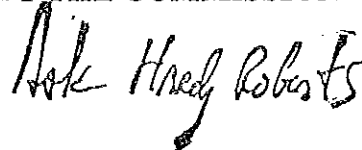
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
March 31, 2000, 3:00 p.m.	Direct Testimony in support of the complaints filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
April 26, 2000, 3:00 p.m.	Rebuttal Testimony filed by all other parties
May 2, 2000, 10:00 a.m.	Prehearing Conference
May 5, 2000, 3:00 p.m.	List of Issues to be filed by Staff
May 17, 2000, 3:00 p.m.	Surrebuttal Testimony to be filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and cross surrebuttal testimony to be filed by all other parties
May 22, 2000, 3:00 p.m.	Statements of Positions to be filed by all parties.

June 1 & 2, 2000, 8:30 a.m. Hearing

2. That the prehearing conference and the evidentiary hearing will be held in the Commission's office 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 before the prehearing conference at: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

3. That this order shall become effective on March 13, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Morris L. Woodruff, 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 3rd day of March, 2000.