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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Basicphone, Inc. for Certificate of)	
Service Authority to Provide Basic Local)	
and Local Exchange Telecommunications)	Case No. TA-2000-107
Service in Portions of the State of)	
Missouri and to Classify Said Services as)	
Competitive.)	

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE OR STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

On August 10, 1999, Basicphone, Inc. (Basicphone) filed an application for certificates of service authority to provide basic local and local exchange telecommunications services in portions of Missouri. On September 21, the Commission issued an order that granted Southwestern Telephone Company's (SWBT) application to intervene, Bell prehearing conference for October 5 and directed the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule no later than October 18. On October 1, Basicphone filed a request for cancellation of the prehearing conference. Basicphone's request indicated that the prehearing conference would not be necessary because it was in the process of negotiating a stipulation and agreement with SWBT and the Staff of the Commission (Staff). response to Basicphone's request, on October 5, the Commission issued a Notice Canceling Early Prehearing Conference. That notice canceled the prehearing conference but continued to require the parties to submit a proposed procedural schedule no later than October 18.

On October 18, Basicphone filed a Request for Additional Time to File Stipulation and Agreement. In its request, Basicphone says that it continues to negotiate a stipulation and agreement and anticipates that a proposed procedural schedule will not be necessary. However, due to the unavailability of essential personnel, it was not possible for the parties to complete negotiations by the October 18 deadline. Basicphone requests that it be allowed until November 1 to file either a procedural schedule or stipulation and agreement. Basicphone's request states that counsel for Staff and SWBT do not oppose this request for additional time.

The Commission finds that Basicphone's request is reasonable and is not opposed by any party. The request will be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Request for Additional Time to File Stipulation and Agreement filed by Basicphone, Inc. is granted.
- 2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than November 1, 1999. The parties may satisfy this requirement by filing a Stipulation and Agreement.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 1, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

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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 20th day of October, 1999.

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