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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of 2nd Century)
Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide Basic Local) Case No. TA-2000-323
Telecommunications Services in the State of)
Missouri and to Classify Such Services and the)
Company as Competitive)

ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On April 24, 2000, the applicant, 2nd Century Communications, Inc. (2nd Century) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) its proposed procedural schedule. 2nd Century stated that although the parties anticipate that this case will be resolved by a stipulation, all of the parties agreed on the proposed procedural schedule.

With minor changes for the times for the filing of testimony and the dates for the evidentiary hearing, the Commission finds the proposed dates and times appropriate, adopts the proposed procedural schedule and finds that these conditions should be applied:

(A) The Commission will require the prefiling of testimony as defined in Commission Rule 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 Commission Rule 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 the 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. Any issue not contained in this list of issues will be viewed as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission.

(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 Commission Rule 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 which 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 established for this case:

Direct testimony of 2nd Century	-	June 15, 2000 3:00 PM
Rebuttal testimony of all other parties	-	July 17, 2000 3:00 PM
Surrebuttal and cross-rebuttal of all parties	-	July 24, 2000 3:00 PM
Prehearing Conference	-	July 28, 2000 10:00 AM
List of issues; order of witnesses and cross examination	-	August 8, 2000 3:00 PM
Statement of the position of each party on each issue	-	August 15, 2000 3:00 PM
Evidentiary Hearing	-	September 5-7, 2000 9:00 AM

2. That the prehearing conference and evidentiary hearing will be held in the offices of the Missouri Public Service Commission in

Jefferson City, Missouri. Any person with 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 this order shall become effective on May 9, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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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 26th day of April, 2000.