

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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October 14,1999**

CASE NO: TC-2000-225, TC-2000-226

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Uncertified Copy:

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 14th
day of October, 1999.

MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc.,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. TC-2000-225</u>
)	
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
Brooks Fiber Communications of Missouri,)	
Inc.,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. TC-2000-226</u>
)	
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES

On September 9, 1999, MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. (MCI), and Brooks Fiber Communications of Missouri, Inc. (Brooks), each filed a formal complaint against Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT). Each complaint alleged that SWBT was in breach of an interconnection agreement with the complainant in that SWBT refused to pay reciprocal compensation to the complainant as called for by the agreement. The Commission issued a Notice of Complaint in each case on September 13, 1999, and advised SWBT therein that its responsive pleading must be filed on or before October 13, 1999.

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On September 27, 1999, MCI and Brooks each filed its Motion to Consolidate, pointing out that MCI and Brooks are affiliated companies, that each is represented by the same counsel, that SWBT is the respondent in each case, and that each case involves similar, if not identical, legal and factual issues. Judicial economy would be served, the Complainants aver, by consolidation of these cases. On October 5, 1999, SWBT responded to the Complainants' motions, and stated that "SWBT does not oppose WorldCom's and Brooks' Motions to Consolidate."

The Commission will grant the motions to consolidate. Case No. TC-2000-225 shall be the lead case and the style shall be "MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc., and Brooks Fiber Communications of Missouri, Inc., Complainants, v. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Respondent."

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Cases TC-2000-225 and TC-2000-226 are hereby consolidated for all purposes. Case TC-2000-225 shall be the lead case and the style shall be "MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc., and Brooks Fiber Communications of Missouri, Inc., Complainants, v. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Respondent."

2. That this order shall become effective on October 26,
1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Drainer,
Murray, and Schemenauer, CC., concur.

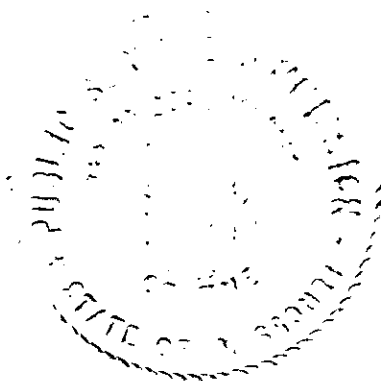
Thompson, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

**STATE OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson
City,

Missouri, this 14th day of October, 1999.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge