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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of	}		
Convergent Communications Services, Inc.)		
for a Certificate of Service Authority to)		
Provide Basic Local Telecommunications)	Case No.	TA-2000-245
Services and Exchange Access)	-	
Telecommunications Services in)		
the State of Missouri.)		

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Convergent Communications Services, Inc. (CCSI) applied to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) on September 21, 1999, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications services in portions of the state of Missouri under Sections 392.420-.440, RSMo 1994¹, and Sections 392.410 and 392.450, RSMo Supp. 1998. CCSI asked the Commission to classify it as a competitive company and waive certain statutes and rules as authorized by Sections 392.361 and 392.420. CCSI is a Colorado corporation with principal offices located at 400 Inverness Drive South, Suite 400, Englewood, Colorado 80112.

¹ All statutory references are to Revised Statutes of Missouri 1994 unless otherwise indicated. Also, the application stated that the statute numbers were "392.420 - .44055" which is an obvious scrivener's error.

The Commission issued a notice and schedule of applicants on September 28, 1999, directing interested parties wishing to intervene to do so by October 28, 1999.

On October 25, 1999, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) timely filed its application to intervene. SWBT stated that it has an interest in the Commission's decision in this case because it provides basic local exchange services and will be in direct competition with CCSI if the certificate is granted. SWBT argued that no other party will adequately protect its interests in this matter and that its intervention would be in the public interest because of SWBT's expertise and experience in the telecommunications industry.

The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that it is in substantial compliance with Commission rules regarding intervention and that the applicant has an interest in this matter that is different from that of the general public. The Commission concludes that this request for intervention should be granted and that the parties should file a proposed procedural schedule. The procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing. If no party requests a hearing, the Commission may grant the service authority and competitive classification requested without a hearing. State ex rel.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is granted intervention in this case in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(4).
- 2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than 3:00 p.m. on November 29, 1999. The procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing.
 - 3. That this order shall become effective on November 29, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

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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 18th day of November, 1999.

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