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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Universal)
Access, Inc. for a Certificate of Service)
Authority to Provide Basic Local) Case No. TA-2000-481
Telecommunications Services in Portions of the)
State of Missouri and to Classify Such Services)
and the Company as Competitive)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND DIRECTING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Universal Access, Inc.¹ (UAI) applied to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) on February 7, 2000, for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications services in Missouri under Sections 392.420 - .440, RSMo 1994², and Sections 392.410 and .455³, RSMo Supp. 1999. UAI 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. UAI is a Delaware corporation with principal offices located at 100 N. Riverside Plaza, Suite 2200, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

The Commission issued a notice and schedule of applicants on February 8, 2000, directing interested parties wishing to intervene to

1 The certificate of authority submitted with UAI's application stated that it was doing business as Universal Access of Missouri, Inc.

2 All statutory references are to Revised Statutes of Missouri 1994 unless otherwise indicated.

3 UAI's application cites the statute as 392.44055, which is a scrivener's error.

do so by March 9, 2000. On February 23, 2000, 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 UAI 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. No other entity applied to intervene.

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 must 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. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

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 April 12, 2000. The procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of testimony and for a hearing.

3. That this order shall become effective on March 23, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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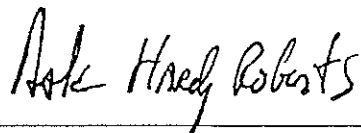
Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30, 1995)
and Section 386.240 RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 13th day of March, 2000.

**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 13th day of March 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
March 13, 2000**

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

Sincerely,


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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge